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Employers Look Upon Him With Contempt.

Eliot of Harvard says a strikebreaker is a "hero." The man who uses him to battle fellow workmen tell "hero." But even the man have no greater respect for this alleged "hero" than the employers themselves. The week's Saturday story, "Smothering strikebreaker" tells the story of the man who is breaking not strong men, but the ad- superintendent. "No matter by your car!" The car was sur- dynamited. "I might as well as smother, re- result he the police. carried to Smathers and to meet was: that he fool on the was a inked he for le- ny

**STILL A MENACE.**

**Soda Fountain Still Luring the Young Astray.**

The Wageworker's position on the license question is too well known to need mention here. The saloons of Lincoln have paid \$1,500 a year each for the privilege of selling wines, beer and liquors at retail, and they are compelled to observe certain strict rules and regulations. Having accepted the money of these saloons the city is in duty bound to protect the saloons in the conduct of the liquor business. But it is not because the saloons are entitled to protection that The Wageworker again calls attention to the fact that there are soda fountains in the city that make a practice of dispensing intoxicants in their most insidious forms.

The soda fountain habit in Lincoln is doing more to drag young men and women—boys and girls—into the downward path than all the saloons combined. Beardless boys and adolescent girls frequent these soda fountains, and with flushed cheeks and glistening eyes that tell of incipient inebriation drink decoctions of wines and liquors that they could not get at any saloon in the city. Boys who would be instantly ordered out of a saloon walk into drug stores and with the air of veterans order "soda" that contains enough alcohol to make a drunken sailor blink and hunt for the water. Girls who could not gain admittance to any saloon in Lincoln sit at tables in drug stores and stow away "soda" that is doctored to the limit with wines and cordials.

The Wageworker asserts without fear of contradiction that there are soda fountains in Lincoln doing a thousand fold more damage to the community than all the saloons combined, because these drug stores cater to the boys and girls and give them their first initiation into the drink and drug habit. Parents who would raise an awful disturbance if they found a saloon selling liquor to their boys loiter around these "soda fountains" and drink enough booze to send them off reeling. Women who would disdain to enter a wine room if there happened to be such a thing in Lincoln, think nothing of going into a drug store and ordering a "soda" that contains a "spike" big enough to fasten bridge timbers together.

Morphine, cocaine, chloral—patent medicine concoctions that are nothing more than raw whiskey of the poorest make—all these things are dished out without any pretense at concealment, and the result is that the moral atmosphere of the city is growing more and more tainted every day. There are a number of respectable drug stores in Lincoln. They neither keep nor compound intoxicants. There are drug stores whose drug stocks are a huge bluff, and whose prescription cases conceal the sale of more liquor than half the bars of the city can boast. The police are practically helpless under existing conditions. The only remedy lies in public opinion. Parents should head the crusade, for it is the boys and the girls who are being dragged down by this horrible traffic. Watch your boys and girls, and if you catch them entering one of these "drug store saloons," take them home, bend them over a barrel and then apply the remedy.

**FUNNY, ISN'T IT.**

**The Difference a Wad of Money Will Make.**

Sam Parks went to jail because he took money from employers to settle troubles that he instigated as business agent of his union.

John A. McCall, the millionaire president of the New York Life Insurance company has been shown to be guilty of subornation of perjury, with misstatement of facts concerning his business and with misappropriating trust funds. But John A. McCall is a leader in finance, a respected member of society and not in the least danger of going to jail. Parks was a poor workman. McCall is a rich speculator.

The possession of money makes all the difference in the world. And yet some foolish people wonder why workmen have no confidence in or respect for the courts.

**BROUGHT TO TIME.**

**Indian Territory Politicians See the Light.**

There will be no "open shop" clause in the constitution of the new state that is to be made out of Indian Territory. The Post-ites sneaked in a clause making it illegal to sign a closed shop contract and tried to make it stick. For a time it looked as if the citizens of the territory would ratify the constitution. But they reckoned without the union men of the territory. The union men and the "little joker" and the "double. The union

men threatened to vote against ratification of the constitution unless that objectionable clause was stricken out, and as there is a division of sentiment in the territory regarding single or double stachood with Oklahoma, the single staters saw that they were up against it. As a result the constitutional convention renigged on the "open shop" clause and struck it out.

It was an outrageous attempt at discrimination to start with, but what do Post and Parry and their ilk care about that? All they want is to make it possible to hammer labor into subjection.

**WRECK VICTIMS.**

**Engineer and Firemen Meet Death at Their Posts.**

At Nehawka, Neb., last Thursday Engineer B. F. Young and Fireman William Sheffield of the Missouri Pacific met death in a wreck. Their engine went off a bridge at that point and both were killed. The engine was attached to the rear of a train and was backing up. It is supposed that the tender left the rails and struck a bridge support, knocking the bridge out of plumb. Engineer Young applied the air and the engine broke loose from the train. The train remained on the rails, but the engine plunged down and its crew was buried in the wreck.

The victims were buried at Nebraska City last Sunday. Engineer Young was buried from St. Mary's Episcopal church, Rev. A. E. Knickerbocker officiating and the Royal Highlanders having charge. Fireman Sheffield was buried from the First Christian church, Rev. J. T. Smith officiating and the Ancient Order of United Workmen having charge. Mr. Young leaves a wife and seven children and Mr. Sheffield a wife and ten children. The funerals were the largest in recent years as both men were well known and respected.

**CHARLEY HAWKES.**

**Deserved Tribute to a Hard Fighter for Unionism.**

Chas. E. Hawkes, late candidate for the I. T. U. presidency, was a caller on friends at the G. P. O. last week. No matter what the opinion of Mr. Hawkes' future chances for the presidency may be, or what is thought of his recent race for the same, the fact remains that he is an organizer of considerable magnitude, as the results already achieved in Philadelphia attest. He possesses ability in that line that goes to make him a valuable man in International Typographical circles, and it is sincerely hoped that President Lynch, who is by far too big a man to let personal matters enter where the good of the cause is concerned, will continue to avail himself of the services of Mr. Hawkes, when his work in Philadelphia shall have been accomplished. It's all for the eight hours anyhow—Washington Trades Unionist.

**SMITH'S APOLOGY.**

**Washington Trades Unionist Makes Sarcastic Comment.**

The Washington Trades Unionist, one of the best labor publications in the country, pays editorial attention to Shelby Smith's apology, and refers to it in the following vitriolic manner. We commend it to the thoughtful attention of the printing craft: "Philadelphia, Sept. 19, 1905.—I deeply regret the publication of the statements made in the Trades Union News of February 9, 1905, concerning the members of the executive council of the International Typographical Union.

"I did not mean to intimate that the international officers had entered into agreements with the rats or rat employers of Philadelphia. 'I had no purpose to assail the personal character of the members of the executive council. 'The above is submitted as my apology for the publication by me, in the Trades Union News, of the article complained of. (Signed).

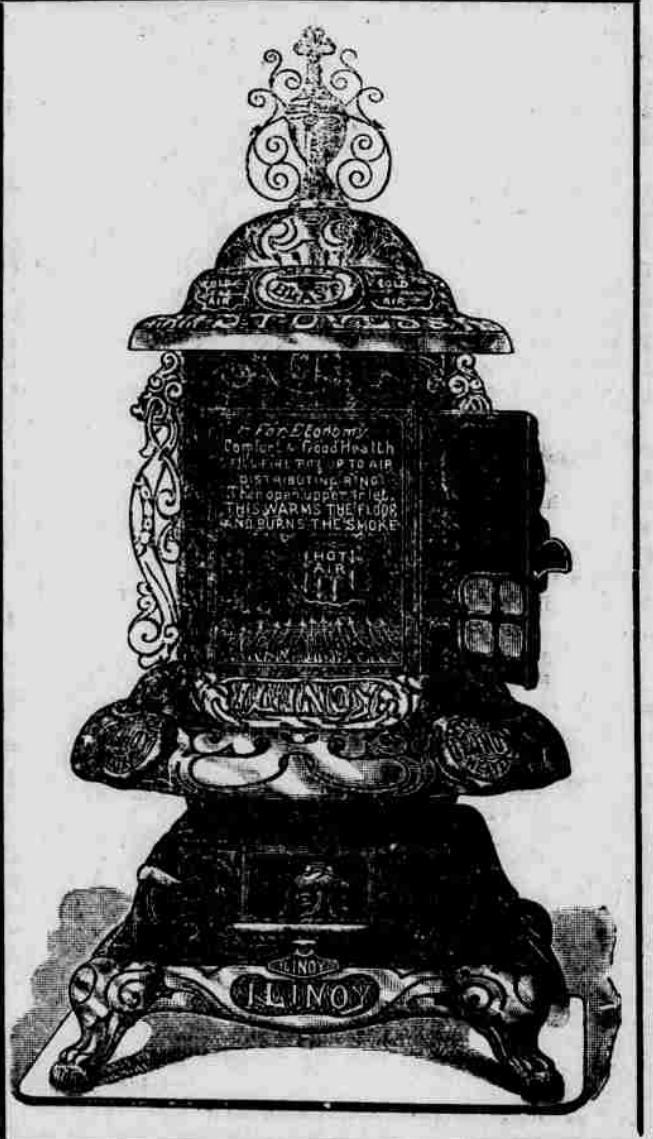
"SHELBY SMITH."

And the future life of a union card rested on the above "stickful" of an apology.

In the present effort to gain the eight-hour day, with general amnesty allowed in every city in trouble, the worst "rat" in the country has a chance for a card without an apology for past actions—in fact, he is looked upon as a friend in need. No matter what his crime. He may have traduced every member of the last union he was a member of, violated every article of law in the international, and he is taken in to help win a strike.

The personality of Shelby Smith entered largely into his case. With a tongue that utters cutting, sharp, sentences, filled with sarcastic contempt for his alleged persecutors, he could hardly expect quarter from a convention dominated by administration

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adherents; but the sentence in his case was too severe.

Parallel the act of a man fighting for his organization, incessant and insistent for changed conditions in Philadelphia union, and when the executive council practically deserted his cause, saw fit to criticize that august body for its alleged delinquency, harshly, it may be, and his card hangs on an apology. Parallel it with a "rat" carrying any number of coats of whitewash and a card is handed him and funds to carry him to new fields of usefulness for good or ill to the I. T. U.

**ST. PAUL PRESSMEN.**

**Stand by the Printers With Their Good Money.**

The St. Paul pressmen are the kind of friends that count. They have not only expressed sympathy with the printers who are fighting for the eight-hour day, but have come to the front with a bunch of money. The St. Paul printers are on strike for the shorter day, and a couple of weeks ago Pressmen's Union No. 29 adopted resolutions of sympathy and support. Then a member arose and moved that the sum of \$500 be appropriated to the local Typographical union to assist it in its struggle. There was not a dissenting vote. The St. Paul Pressmen's union has less than seventy-five members and their donation amounted to almost \$7 per man. That's the kind of "sympathy" that counts, and the St. Paul printers will not be slow to make proper recognition in a more substantial way than a mere "thank you" when opportunity affords.

**THIS HELPS SOME.**

**Ministers March in Labor Day Parade at San Jose.**

When the union men of San Jose started their Labor Day parade they cheered as the members of the Pastors' Union wheeled into line. This union is made up of the evangelical ministers of San Jose, and for some months it has had a fraternal delegate in the sessions of the Federated Trades Council. When the parade countermarched the union craftsmen cheered the ministerial marchers to the echo, and the ministers acknowledged the fact by waving their hands and emitting a few cheers of their own. The incident has created the greatest good feeling.

**OFFER REJECTED.**

**Textile Council Will Not Accept Operators' Proposition.**

The Fall River textile council, representing the organized cotton mill operatives of the city, has decided to reject the offer made by the Manufacturers' association last week to advance wages 5 per cent and introduce a profit sharing plan. The council had requested the restoration of the reduction of 12 1/2 per cent, which went into effect July 25, 1905. No immediate trouble in the mills is anticipated as the result of the

disagreement and it is probable that further negotiations will be conducted during the coming week.

Governor Folk has commuted the sentence of Edgar Bailey from hanging to life imprisonment. Bailey, a hackman at Kansas City, was charged with having murdered a strike breaking hackman, after luring his victim into the woods. Strenuous efforts were made to save Bailey's neck. The Wageworker is glad that Bailey is not to be hanged, because it does not believe in capital punishment. And it is glad that Bailey goes up for life, because it does not believe in violence as a strike measure. There is entirely too much of that sort of thing, and the union men of the country should set their faces against it. If we can't win peacefully, then let us lose gracefully.

On October 3 the printers of Utica, N. Y., went on strike to enforce the eight-hour day. Last Sunday the Typotheta capitulated and signed up, and on Monday morning the strike was a thing of the past. The eight-hour day goes into effect on January 1, 1906, without a wage reduction. Every office in the city signed.

The miners of G. B. Markle & Co., who struck last week, decided last Sunday to return to work. The driver boy who was the cause of the trouble must remain idle until the question of his wages is decided by the conciliation board which the men and the company has agreed shall settle the issue.

At Indianapolis representatives of the employing coopers and the Coopers' International Union were in session for several days last week. Last Sunday an agreement was reached and a working agreement signed. Under the agreement the coopers get a slight increase in wages.

**Required a Lot of Educating.**

A young Brockton physician tells the following about himself:

Upon his graduation from Brown university he went home to the western part of the state for a few days, and on the street met a young Frenchman, one of his comrades of the Spanish war. This conversation ensued: "Hello, Fred; I hear you got through down at Brown's?" "Yes, I finished there Wednesday." "Well, what are you going to do now?" "I'm going to New York to study medicine." "Huh! You going to be a doctor. How long dat take?" "I'll have to study four years, anyway." "Four years! Gee! Didn't you graduate from the high school here?" "Yes." "And didn't you go four years at Brown's?" "Sure thing." "And now you mean to tell me you got to study four years more to be a doctor?" "I certainly have, and after that there will be two years in a hospital." "Well, you must be tick-headed." All the worry you have in this world is what you carry around under your hat.

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