

GENERAL MENTION.

Interesting Items Mostly Swiped from Bright Labor Papers.

Demand the label. The union label—that's all. Look for the union label. If it is not labeled, refuse it. Union made shoes are sold by Rogers & Perkins.

Detroit street car employees have received an advance wage scale.

The machinists are endeavoring to organize a metal trades council.

The demand for bill posters in Chicago is greater than the supply.

A strike of 200 pavers in New York City resulted in a victory for the men.

An increase of 5 per cent has been secured for the spinners of the country.

Carriage Workers have been granted a nine-hour day in Toronto, Canada.

A movement is contemplated to establish a standard rate of wages for pavers.

Cigar Makers have recently chartered new unions in Manitoba and Wisconsin.

The Sheet Metal Workers have won their year's strike against the open shop at Bridgeport.

"Blue Ribbon" cigars are union made, Lincoln made and well made. Sold by all dealers.

Printers of Fort Smith, Ark., are still out for the eight-hour day. The clerks are organizing.

Asbestos Workers in New Orleans have obtained an increase of 50 cents a day and eight hours.

Good trade conditions, eight-hour day and fortnightly pay are being enjoyed by paving cutters.

Glassworkers are striking for the maintenance of the union shop in Chicago and intend to win.

The unions of Los Angeles, Cal., increased their membership 75 per cent during the past twelve months.

The Slate Cutters are making an attempt to organize the members of the craft in Virginia and Maine.

Employment in the British building trades shows a general improvement as compared with a year ago.

The wage standard of last year is being maintained by the Lathers. Their membership is increasing.

The British Admiralty is instituting a universal 48-hour week for the employees in the government dockyards.

An effort is being made to thoroughly organize the Watch Case Engravers in the United States and Canada.

Tobacco shippers of New Haven, Conn., have secured an increase in wages ranging from 10 to 100 per cent.

The Foster Artists' association is reported to have been granted a charter by the American Federation of Labor.

Asbestos Workers of Boston, Mass., recently secured a two-year agreement and an advance of 25 cents per day.

The carpenters of Birmingham, Ala., have secured the signing of their scale and an increase of five cents an hour.

Organized labor in France is turning its attention toward enforcing the Saturday half holiday. Many strikes are in progress.

Chicago railroad rate clerks must make good from their salaries all losses to the roads occasioned by incorrectly quoting rates.

Boston & Maine and the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad freight handlers have both been granted the \$2 a day wage rate.

Five thousand male wage earners are out of work at the present time in Melbourne, Australia, and 50,000 people in Victoria are existing below poverty line.

The first national union to be entrenched in the government service was recently organized among the clerks of the postoffice department of Chicago.

Railway employees in Ireland complain of inadequate wages, excessive hours of labor and arbitrary and vexatious treatment on the part of the under-bosses.

The farmers in the vicinity of Hot Springs, Ark., took part in the Labor Day parade, and at the present they are among the staunchest in demanding the union label.

The Car Workers have recently won strikes in Ashtabula, O., and Buffalo, N. Y. The demands made were for

increased pay and better shop conditions. Wages for this craft have received a general increase of 10 to 15 per cent during the past year.

The pavers are contemplating the establishment of a uniform wage for the craft throughout the country. New unions have been formed in Seattle, Wash., and Chicago, Ill.

It is estimated that 20,000 more men than can be supplied will be needed to push along the railroad construction work and harvest the crops between Minneapolis and the Pacific coast.

From a report recently issued by the British home office it appears that the number of persons engaged in mining and quarrying in Great Britain and abroad in 1904 was about 5,000,000.

The Woodsmen have postponed the presenting of their wage scale owing to the sailors' difficulty on the Pacific coast. New unions have been formed in Savannah, Ga., Stringer, Ark., and Millinocket, Me.

Of the total number of persons engaged in remunerative occupations in France, 42 per cent are engaged in agriculture or forestry and 30 per cent in industrial occupations other than mining and quarrying.

It is estimated that there are about 2,500,000 independent farmers in the German empire, and that of these over a million are members of co-operative societies, the most popular form being credit societies.

An international exposition portraying the life of the laborer for the past 2,000 years, showing conditions surrounding him from the time of feudal slavery to the present time, is contemplated by the French parliament.

Word comes from Hawaii that there is a well-defined scheme on foot by the plantation owners to get laborers from Europe. Already a thousand Portuguese families are being imported by the Sugar Planters' association.

Plumbers, tanners, bricklayers, plasterers and hod carriers of Bridgeport, Conn., are on strike. The individual local union agreements soon expire, at which time all building trades will consolidate and the strikes will be declared off.

The death rate from accidents at coal mines in the principal coal producing countries in 1904 were: Australia, .92; Belgium, .93; France, 1.07; Great Britain, 1.34; Germany, 1.19; United States, 3.55 per 1,000 persons employed.

The Boot and Shoe Workers' International Union recently, from January, 1904, to March, 1906, paid out \$200,000 in sick and death benefits and \$40,000 in aid of strikes. There was at time of report a balance of \$100,000 in the treasury.

The anthracite miners, who are members of the Mine Workers of America, have gained a notable victory, the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania recently deciding that the miners' certificate law of 1897 is constitutional and effective.

The Cigar Makers' International Union of America has elected the following delegates to represent them at the convention of the American Federation of Labor, which will be held in Minneapolis the week beginning November 19: G. R. French, Louisville, Ky.; John T. Smith, Kansas City, Mo.; Morris Brown, New York, and P. Mahoney of Boston, Mass.

PRAISES UNIONS IN SERMON.

Rev. Wallace Short Has Good Words for Them.

"The employer and organized labor" was the subject chosen by Rev. Wallace Short for his sermon last Sunday night at the Beacon Hill Congregational church at Twenty-fourth street and Troost avenue. He said:

"Formerly conditions were such that men worked side by side with their employer and in many cases were his personal friends; always his acquaintances. Under conditions which exist at present the men in most cases work under the supervision of a superintendent whose duty is simply to see that the work is done and to manage it so that proper dividends are brought in. The employer rarely knows the men who are working for him and often they do not even know him by sight. This being the case, no matter how good may be his intentions, he is not in a position to be able properly to look after the interests of his employees.

For these reasons organized labor is inevitable. Labor unions are organized for the purpose of securing better conditions.

"I believe that it is often the case that employers would like to better conditions governing their men but on account of the keen competition existing in all lines of work they are unable to follow their inclinations. When unions become powerful enough to compel all employers to do as the few would like to do but cannot, then will unions become a real help to the better class of employers.

"Next to public schools union labor is the greatest factor in the assimilation of American ideals, influencing workmen who come to this country from other lands. Unions are also

next to public schools in the training of their members to discuss important questions and to decide they must meet the judgment of public opinion.

"There is no question but that when unions gain power they often overstep the bounds of fairness. Therefore an employers' association is inevitable. The true attitude to be taken is to realize that both have their mission and for each to try to attain its truest ideals."—Kansas City Journal.

THE BARBERS.

Had Good Reason for Absence from the Labor Day Parade.

Some criticism has been heard of the union barbers for their failure to parade on Labor Day. The barbers claim to have good and sufficient reason for their absence. Labor Day was the beginning of fair week and the crowds came early. Feeling that the employers were entitled to some consideration, and knowing that to close on Labor Day would deprive the employers of a big lot of money, the journeymen decided to work. They took a day off a couple of weeks before and had a picnic. While they regretted their inability to parade and at the same time do justice to their employers, the journeymen barbers feel that they did the right thing under the circumstances.

Look out for the union shop card. There are several "scab" barber shops in the city. If you don't see the card when you step into the shop, step out and go elsewhere.

The National City bank of New York engaged \$8,000,000 in gold for import to New York, all but about \$750,000 of which will come from London. The \$750,000 worth will come from Australia.

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