

GENERAL MENTION.

Interesting Items Mostly Swiped from Bright Labor Papers.

Demand the label.
The union label—that's all.
I look for the union label.
If it is not labeled, refuse it.
Union made shoes are sold by Rogers & Perkins.
Woman cooks of New York are forming a union.
The layers have secured a 25 per cent increase in Boston, Mass.
The German Metal Workers' Union is the strongest union in the world.
Mill workers of Mascouta, Ill., are the only unorganized workmen in that city.
Powder workers of Marion, Ill., resisted a cut in wages and are working at last year's scale.
An injunction issued against the meat cutters of Louisville, Ky., was dismissed in court.
"Blue Ribbon" cigars are union made, Lincoln made and well made. Sold by all dealers.
Wages of union men in Burnside, Ky., have increased about 7 1/2 per cent over those of last year.
Employees on the city light works and water works of Cumberland, Md., have been granted the eight-hour day.
Unionists of Logansport, Ind., are fighting the attempt to dispose of the city light plant to a private corporation.
The Northumberland (England) Coal Conciliation Board has decided to raise the miners' wages by 3% per cent.
The Foster Artists' Association is reported to have been granted a charter by the American Federation of Labor.
The machinists have won a clean closed shop victory in Philadelphia in five printing and binding machinery factories.
Electrical workers of Grand Rapids, Mich., with the exception of three shops, have been granted the eight-hour day.
The labor organizations of America gained 1,204 new unions last year, embracing a membership of 300,000 individuals.
Press reports stating laboring men are needed in Topeka, Kan., are untrue. Plenty of workmen to supply the demand.
Seventeen new local unions have been formed by the Amalgamated Sheet Metal Workers' Alliance in the last quarter.
All building contractors of St. Augustine, Fla., have signed agreements with the carpenters for closed shops and eight-hour day.
During the first six months of 1906 fifty-three divisions of street railway employees effected written agreements with employing companies.
Seventy-five molders at the Pennsylvania Engineering company's works at New Castle, Pa., are on strike for an increase from \$3 to \$3.50 per day.
The Label Bureau of Danville, Ill., is publishing a list of union goods to be had in that city, and otherwise prosecuting a vigorous label campaign.
The agitation for an advance in the wages of sheeting weavers employed at Oldham, England, has resulted in an increase of 5 per cent being conceded.
Quite an increase of wages was secured by the tobacco strippers of New Haven, Conn.—10 to 100 per cent and about nine hours decrease in time per week.
Even at the increased rate of wages it is not easy to get spinners and weavers enough to allow the New England cotton mills to fill all the orders they might get.
The gross earnings of all the railroads of the United States for June up to July 1st show an increase of 10 per cent over the corresponding time a year ago.
M. J. Mulvaney, a Pittsburg iron moulder, now residing at Vandegrift, has, after experimenting twenty years, discovered a process for the tempering of pure copper.
Although the federal government of Australia is favorable to arranging a commercial treaty with Japan, serious legal difficulties intervene, one being that the treaty prepared by the Japanese requires a mutual freedom of access to each country by the people of the other country. But this is im-

possible under the existing alien immigration laws of Australia.
Street car employees of Chicago demand the discharge of an expelled member who insists upon working at one of the car barns of the Union Traction company.
A project is under discussion in Germany for the holding of a world's fair in Berlin in 1912. There is a fair prospect that provision will be made for such an exposition.
The union bakers of Chicago succeeded in establishing a new wage scale in every shop but one in that city. They received a flat increase of \$1 per week over the old scale.
When the census of 1900 was taken the total number of child laborers in the country was 1,700,000. It is estimated by competent authority that the number today is close to 2,500,000.
The anti-sweating committee, appointed by the Sydney (N. S. W.) labor council promises to make astounding revelations regarding the sweating tactics of some Sydney employers.
The Patternmakers' Association of San Francisco has returned to outside associations that contributed to their aid after the earthquake 45 per cent of the fund sent in. It was not needed.
The earliest mention of a strike fund occurred in the strike of the Parisian stocking weavers, in 1724, when a crown a day was subscribed for every striker, and all blacklegs were boycotted.
The Retail Clerks' International Association will begin the payment of sick benefits to members who have been in continuous good standing upon the books for a period of twelve months or more.
In Bombay (India) cotton mills an average worker, laboring thirteen hours a day, earns about 32 cents a day, that is in mills equipped with the best modern machinery and built in the most approved style.
The other day the gold beaters quit work at every Boston shop in response to the national decision to establish an increase in wages from 7 to 8 cents per book for piece work and from \$18 to \$21 per week for week workers, also to eliminate what is called the "outside shop."
The Commercial Telegraphers' Union of America has decided to establish a mutual benefit department. This will begin business October 1st. A mortuary fund will be maintained similar to those of the railroad brotherhoods, from which death claims will be paid.
The remittances to China made by coolies or laborers at work in other countries are now estimated to reach \$50,000,000 annually, including \$5,000,000 said to be sent home by the indentured coolies in the Transvaal mines. This is one way China meets her adverse balance of trade.
The first plea for union labor that was ever made before a national convention of the Federation of Women's Clubs was voiced at St. Paul by a speaker who called upon her hearers to aid the working girl by buying those goods only which are manufactured under good working conditions.
By unanimous opinion the Colorado state supreme court has upheld the constitutionality of the employers' liability act passed by the legislature in 1901. Under this act an employer is responsible for the death of an employee by accident, even if it is caused by the negligence of a co-employee.
You don't hear any union men belly-aching because of the rate bill. Very few union men will lose telegraph "franks" or annual railroad passes next year. Indeed, few union men know what a telegraph "frank" is. However, more Omaha union men know what the union label looks like this year.—Western Laborer.
The lace mill operatives are credited with the first strike that has ever occurred at Zion City, near Chicago, recently, when they left their machines and demanded 15 cents a rack, the same as was being paid the same class of operatives in Philadelphia, instead of the ruling price of 13 cents a rack that was being paid the Zionist operatives.
Kansas Wreck Injures 14.
Santa Fe train No. 5, called the Missouri River Flyer, was derailed at Kinsley, Kan. A baggage car, a coach and a chair car left the rails and turned over. Fourteen of the passengers were more or less injured, but none killed. The accident was caused by a soft track, the roadbed being covered with water. The train was ten hours late, and running very slow.
The First Negro Chautauqua.
The negro Chautauqua at Pittsburg, Kan., was held last week at Lincoln park under the auspices of the negro Baptist church. The most prominent negro speaker present was Dr. Vernon of Washington, who is registrar of the United States Treasury. The Chautauqua is credited with being the first negro Chautauqua ever held in the West.
MAY COST MILLION DOLLARS
Extensive Repairs Necessary for Manchuria and Mongolia.
The San Francisco Call says that instead of being brought to San Francisco for the repairs necessitated by the accidents which have recently befallen them, there is a likelihood that the liners Manchuria and Mongolia, of the

Pacific Mail Steamship company, will be taken to Japan and placed in dry dock there. The question of selecting the port for repairs is now under consideration by the officers of the company. It is believed it will require a million dollars to repair the two ships.
Send Tidings of a Rising.
La Reforma Social, a Spanish paper at El Paso, Tex., by Laure Aguirre, a representative of the Mexican junta of St. Louis, received the following dispatch from Coahuila, Mexico:
"The people of Minatitlan, Suchil, San Juan, Esquilin and San Gerardo have risen against Diaz. The garrison of federal troops has joined them and the uprising will at once spread to Vera Cruz, Tabasco and Chiapas."
Boy to Suffer For Murder.
Oscar Napier, Albia, Ia., aged eight years, was found guilty of the murder of a playmate. The Iowa juvenile law does not cover murder cases and the boy will be sentenced just the same as if he were of more mature age. The murder occurred several months ago when Napier in a fit of passion took a shoiguin and deliberately shot the boy with whom he was playing.
Editors Make a Protest.
The New York republican editorial association met at Saratoga, about 100 strong, and adopted a resolution proposed by John L. Platt of the Poughkeepsie Eagle, protesting against the ruling of the interstate commerce commission relative to exchange for transportation.
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