

**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. Clerks' union at Spokane, Wash., has been revived.

Union made shoes are sold by Rogers & Perkins. Bill posters of Toronto, Canada, have been organized.

The Larkins' Soap company is unfair to organized labor.

Two hundred and fifty newsboys have formed a union in San Francisco. Chair pushers and tailors of Atlantic City are organizing themselves into a union.

Organized labor should remember that "Larkins Idea" soaps are on the unfair list.

Carpenters and stone cutters of Kansas City, Mo., secured an increase without strike.

Painters of Albany, N. Y., secured an advance of from \$2.50 to \$3.00 a day by striking.

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

Stann engineers of Toledo and Zanesville, O., and Birmingham, Ala., were organized recently.

Building Laborers' Protective Union of Kansas City, Mo., has purchased a lot and will erect a building.

Cement workers have been organized in Washington, D. C., Baltimore, Md., and Richmond and Norfolk, Va.

Unorganized section men of Tamara, Ill., struck for an advance of 25 cents a day. The outcome is doubtful.

The plumbers in Kansas City, Mo., are winning out notwithstanding the arrival of three hole plumbers from Chicago.

The carriage and wagon blacksmiths of Pittsburg were organized and affiliated with the Brotherhood of Blacksmiths.

Sheet metal workers in Des Moines, Ia., have secured a raise in their minimum wage scale from 30 to 35 cents an hour until November 1, and thereafter 37 1/2 cents per hour.

The Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners has appropriated \$40,000 for the purchase of a building in the heart of Indianapolis and the remodeling of the same.

The unsatisfactory condition in getting out the Iowa state printing in a non-union concern has caused the authorities to give the contract to a union office.

Philadelphia is awakening! The printers have abolished piece work, increased the pay of the twenty-eight men and made a closed shop in a strike lasting just two hours and a half.

The manner in which the bosses in Wellington, New Zealand, have been trying to dodge the arbitration court's awards has caused the president of that court to threaten heavier penalties in the future.

The Industrial Workers (?) of the World, at their "convention" in Chicago repudiated Samuel Gompers. Well, Well! Latest information received states that President Gompers is still on earth.

"The Workman," the official paper of the A. O. U. W. in Ohio, will not, as at first reported, be printed in a non-union office. More honor to the brothers, and may their example be followed by other societies.

Spokane, Wash., Chamber of Commerce donated \$2,000 to secure the national convention of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners. That's the kind of go-ahead men they have out west.

The Wisconsin Association of Master Bakers have adopted a resolution favoring a ten-hour work day. They have seen the light. They also say: "Sunday work is not in harmony with modern progress and ideal citizenship."

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Charles Yip Tin, the Pierpont Morgan of China, who is in the United States investigating the operation of the American railway systems, says that the effort of the Panama Canal Commission to secure Chinese labor for the canal will fail, owing to the feeling of China against the exclusion laws.

Union men! please your wife and your pocketbook by purchasing a Riverside Base Burner. There is absolutely no stove on the market that will furnish as much heat for the amount of coal consumed as will the Riverside. Sold exclusively by Hoppe at 108 North Tenth street.

The threatened strike of iron molders in the engineering trade of Manchester and Southeast Lancashire, England, has been averted. The molders, who had demanded an immediate advance of 50 cents per week, have accepted an advance of 25 cents now, with a promise of an additional advance of 25 cents in January.

Fifty men left one barn on Huntington's electric railway lines in Los Angeles, Cal., last week. Overwork and small pay are the main reasons assigned. This in the face of the fact that Huntington has promised them that they shall get 30 cents an hour after they have worked fourteen years. Some men are so unreasonable, you know!

A report of the New York State Department of Labor shows that there are now 8,000,000 wage workers in labor unions, one-fourth of whom are in the United States. Great Britain and Germany each have nearly as many unionists as the United States, but the countries in which the movement is comparatively new—Austria, Hungary, Italy, etc., are making rapid progress.

**OVER IN TEXAS.**

**Farmers of the Lone Star State Hold Convention.**

At the recent convention of the Farmers' State Union, held in Dallas, Texas, 176 delegates and as many visitors were assembled. These represented a total membership of 211,000 which is surely an indication that the farmers of the Lone Star state are pretty thoroughly organized.

A feature of this convention was the number of resolutions adopted that affect organized labor, which leaves no room for doubt that feeling exists among the farmers that there is a community of interests between them and the toilers in factories and shops. These annual conventions bring the farmers and the city unions into closer touch, and so strengthen the bonds between them that the efforts of the enemies of organized labor to create distrust between town and country organizations are of little avail.

The farmers' union has adopted a label for the purpose of designating their products, and a resolution adopted by the convention was to the effect that in whatever form the label was produced it should be accompanied by the typographical union label. Another resolution favoring the typographical union label was as follows:

Whereas, There is a printing trust in Texas, and that because of this the price of printing has been increased to an extortionate extent; and

Whereas, We know the typographical union label will not be allowed to be used on trust-made goods; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we urge all persons with whom we trade to have all printing bear the label of the typographical union.

The farmers' union is taking an active part in union politics, and this convention went on record as favoring a legal eight-hour workday and legislation to prohibit the importation of strikebreakers. It also is opposed to the employment of convict labor in competition with free labor, believing that prison production should be confined to such articles as are used in state institutions. It is to be hoped that farmers of all the states will organize such unions, and affiliate and co-operate with labor unions in urging legislation favorable to the laborers, the adoption of the universal eight-hour day, and assist in creating a demand for the union label.—The Typographical Journal.

**THE BARTENDERS.**

**Membership and Interest Growing at a Gratifying Rate.**

The Bartenders' Union has been making some gains in membership of late, six new members having been taken in since September 1.

The union will meet at the usual place next Sunday morning, and matters of vital interest to the membership demand the presence of every man.

The Lincoln hotel bar continues to enjoy the unenviable distinction of being the only "scab" bar in the city. The bartenders employed there gave as their reason for dropping out that the bar was patronized only by traveling men. The explanation is a full measure of their unionism. The union man who patronizes the bar is merely giving aid and comfort to non-union men.



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**THE MODERN MOSES**

Earliest of labor leaders was Moses, the man who delivered from a cruel bondage the millions of Israelites who served the Pharaoh of Egypt.

The development of a leader is always a slow process. This is particularly true in the industrial world. For in the labor movement there is so much at stake, and there are so many interests involved, that the raw enthusiast cannot be entrusted with the power of leadership.

Enthusiasm there must be, but it must be an enthusiasm founded upon intelligence and a genuine experience. It required forty years of solitude in the land of Midian to transform the hot-blooded Moses, the adopted son of Pharaoh's daughter, into the modest Moses whose name has become a synonym for meekness.

"Learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptian" nevertheless he needed the solitary life of the shepherd on the hillside to prepare him for the great task of leading out into liberty the slaves of the Egyptian ruler.

If ever Moses was a glib talker, he forgot how to use this weapon of the spellbinder, for when he was called to his work, we are told that he himself protested, saying that he was "slow of speech." Perhaps both his modesty and his inability to speak fluently were in his favor as a labor leader, for his task was one which demanded not burning orations, but patient endurance. When he appeared before the oppressor of his brethren, his symbol of power was a shepherd's crook—typical of his former occupation, and witness that he too came from the ranks, and that his heart beat true to that of his suffering kinsmen.

He came, too, with the consciousness of a sure victory, because he knew that his cause was just. But more than that, he was confident because he came in the spirit of a strong moral faith. This emancipation which he was about to witness was more than an economic deliverance dependent upon brute strength, and the ability of a mere man to exercise unusual power. He had back of him the Omnipotent God of Abraham, of Isaac and of Jacob, the forefathers of the afflicted Israelites.

It was the religious element in this movement which made it all-powerful. The deliverance was to come so that the Israelites might worship more freely the God of their fathers. He was to become their Ruler and their Leader.

This day awaits another Moses—aye, many such. or again the masses need to be led out of bondage. Not always the bondage of the ancient Israelites, although there is still a call for such service, but the bondage which enslaves man to his lower self.

The qualities that were so conspicuous in Moses must be found in the modern leader. He must be of the people, for he must understand their needs. He must have had an experience which sobered him, so that he is familiar with the deeper, truer things of life. He must depend not so much upon his speech as upon his character. He must have the power which can come alone through the consciousness that his cause is just, and that back of him, too, as He was back

of Moses, stands the God of the common people, who is saying through him: "Let my people go!"—Rev Charles Stelzle.

**HOW IT WORKS.**

**A Banquet and Much Wine Influences Legislation in Nebraska.**

A few years ago the matter of revising the convict contract law came before the Nebraska legislature. It was thought that the state was not getting a big enough price per convict. It was also thought by some that it might be well to abolish the system entirely. There was a committee appointed to investigate. It began its work, but before it got very far the prison contractor invited the committee to be his guests at a little banquet at a local hostelry. The members accepted the kind invitation, and the banquet was a gorgeous affair. The wine list was quite extended, and the menu card contained all the delicacies of the season—and some that were out of season according to law.

The banquet ended the investigation. No more inquiries were made, and the matter was allowed to sink into what G. Cleveland called innocuous desuetude.

Of course organized labor was not represented in that legislature. And, of course, the honest and high-minded legislators were not influenced by the banquet.

**THE PRESSMEN.**

**Criticize Printers for Haste in Closing With Publishers' Association.**

The American Pressman, official organ of the International Printing Pressmen and Assistants' Union has the following to say of the action taken by the International Typographical Union convention at Colorado Springs last August. It deserves the careful consideration of the printer end of the allied trades:

"As usual, the convention signified its willingness to sign up with the American Publishers' association without first conferring with the I. P. P. and A. U., notwithstanding proposition No. 9, by Delegate Heinz, of Zanesville, Ohio, was presented for the very purpose of preventing entering into an agreement after the expiration of the one of May 1, 1907. Mr. Heinz's proposition was defeated. In its haste the I. T. U. has simply followed its usual program—a program that has and is costing it hundreds of thousands of dollars, which, were better tactics employed in time, would save it much of its rapid running outlay. This act is certainly suggestive, and that is, that where the I. T. U. sees a chance to close up an agreement it closes it and lets all affiliated organizations take care of themselves. It was ever thus; and as a consequence, the eight-hour day and the open shop is still an open question for adjustment. Had the I. T. U. conferred with the I. P. P. and A. U., and done clean business, by forming a proper agreement, on the time of fulfillment and its execution, there would not now be a doubt of its universal success. This we add in a brotherly spirit. Time tries men's souls we know."

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