

GENERAL MENTION.

Bits of Labor News Gathered Chiefly With the Scissors.

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. Harnessmakers organized in Manitowoc, Wis.

The tin mills in Anderson, Ind., are being dismantled.

Cloth hat and cap workers have organized in Seattle, Wash.

There are but seven lathers in Boston that are not in the union.

Stonemasons in St. Paul report everybody working and there's work for more.

The Bricklayers' Union of Boston has a membership of 1,400 in good standing.

Glassblowers at the Hoosier bottle works, Petersburg, Ind., are on strike for higher wages.

Trades Unionists of Kansas have formed a state branch of the American Federation of Labor.

The twelfth biennial convention of the International Machinists Union opens in St. Louis on September 9.

Industrial insurance employees are organizing throughout the United States, union No. 1 being in Boston.

The Plasterer's union now has control of all the works in Jackson, Mich., only two contractors being outside the union lines.

The Standard Sewing Machine company of Cleveland, O., is discriminating against union labor, especially the metal polishers.

The flint bottle factory that has been closed down for three years in Anderson, Ind., is making preparations to resume.

The Illinois Retail Clerks' association has elected Arthur Paterson, of Galesburg, president, and fixed \$9 as the minimum weekly wage.

The machinists of Cleveland have buckled on their armor and are again taking up the organization feature, fifteen being added at the last meeting.

The United Association of Plumbers in Birmingham report that all the employing plumbers in that city who work journeymen have signed the scale.

The establishment of a minimum wage in New Zealand doesn't prevent the best workers from getting a higher rate, according to a member of the employers' association there.

It is believed that if all the labor unions of San Francisco were to join in a common cause a great hospital could be erected and maintained at a comparatively small cost per capita.

Over 175 iron moulders went on strike at Evansville, Ind., because of an order issued at the five stove foundries preventing the drinking of beer on the premises during the noon hour.

Forty steamfitters went on strike in Milwaukee last week, walking out from ten different shops to enforce a demand for an increase of 50 cents a day. They have been getting a wage of \$3.50.

The fight started by the Missouri Federation of Labor against the present vicious system of leasing convicts in that state is being taken up by manufacturers not only of Missouri but of many other states.

Secretary Morrison of the American Federation of Labor, reports that for the five months since the close of the Federation's fiscal year an increase is shown of more than 50,000 members as compared with the corresponding

months of last year. He reported that, exclusive of the funds of the affiliated national unions, that have exclusive control over their own funds, there is \$116,114 in the Federation treasury.

Concrete telegraph poles are the latest, and will be experimented with on an electric power line between Marseilles and Penn. via Joliet.

The Oklahoma State Federation of Labor at its recent meeting adopted a resolution in favor of woman suffrage and proposes to make this a test question in supporting candidates.

Machinists and boiler-makers in the Great Western shops at Des Moines and Oelwein, Ia., will work nine hours instead of ten hours hereafter. The men will also receive time and one-half for overtime and Sunday work.

Employees at the headquarters of the Missouri Pacific and St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern Railway companies in St. Louis have been given an increase of 10 per cent. The number of men affected is some 700.

The American Tobacco company has suddenly closed down the New Jersey Machine company, manufacturers of cigar cutting and stripping machines at Newark, N. J., by throwing 200 employees out of work.

If the plans of some of the leading union men in Milwaukee are carried out a new labor organization will be formed. It is to be composed of bell boys, porters, chambermaids, kitchen workers and various other help around hotels.

The strike at the plant of the Brunswick-Balke-Collender company, Chicago, has been settled, the firm agreeing to hire only members of the Carpenters' union. The woodworkers will have to join the Carpenters' union. Over 600 men have returned to work.

Women have started a novel organization in Jersey City, N. J. To establish a school to instruct women how and where to spend their money most beneficially for union labor will be one of the features of the body, besides boosting union labels and encouraging men to organize.

Trade unionists must be educated in the objects and aims of their union and the labor movement in general; they must be taught why and wherefore they are organized, in order to be in a position to think for themselves and explain these objects and aims to non-unionists.

Arrangements are being completed between the American Federation of Labor and national trade unionists of England, Scotland, Germany, Denmark, Austria, Belgium, Norway, Netherlands and other foreign countries to interchange union cards between unions of kindred crafts and callings.

In an address before the Postal Clerks' convention at Peoria, Congressman Overstreet said that if the business of the postoffice department could be as well conducted as is the business of the Standard Oil company, one-cent postage would be in force and employees of the department would be better paid.

"God hates a coward." So does every honest man. There is no greater coward in the wide world than the man who will "knock" another behind his back and offer him the glad hand to his face. He is like the dog who wags his tail and shows his teeth—you can't believe either end.—Baltimore Labor Leader.

Articles of incorporation on the National Co-operative Mercantile company have been filed with the secretary of state of Minnesota. The company has an authorized capital stock of \$100,000 and its headquarters are to be in Duluth. One of the incorporators is Morris Kapten, of Duluth, who has been prominently identified with the striking miners of the iron range. The new company is to be operated in behalf of the miners, it is said.

Boston Cigarmakers' Union's financial report for the first six months of this year shows that in that time it paid for the advertising of the blue label of the organization \$6,687.59. During the strike of the cigar factory strippers nearly the entire membership of the union was idle, and \$8,925.50 was paid for out-of-work benefits. The donations voted to organizations amounted to \$2,232.50. Of that sum \$475 was given to the Moyer-Haywood defense fund, \$400 to the cigarmakers of York, Pa., who were out on strike, \$450 to striking team drivers of Boston, \$400 to Belgium's cigarmakers and \$200 to Boston Ladies' Garment Workers on strike.

SUES POST FOR LIBEL.

The Gripe Nuts Man Talked Too Much With His Abusive Mouth.

Charles Wallops Post, the "gripe nuts" man, has been sued for libel by Colliers' Weekly. The suit is the outcome of Post's charge that Colliers' Weekly was trying to blackmail him

into advertising in that publication. Post made this charge through the medium of his Postum advertising contracts, the particular advertisement being the recent one headed the "Yell-o Man."

For several months past Colliers' Weekly has been waging warfare against "fake" patent medicine nostrums, and with telling effect. Post tried to secure the insertion of advertisements of Postum and Grape Nuts, claiming that they cured certain designated ailments. These came under Colliers' ban and they were refused. Colliers' stated plainly and without frills in its editorial columns that it would not accept the advertisements, and called Post down for making ridiculous claims for his concoctions. Then Post wrote his advertisement charging that Colliers' was trying to blackmail him into advertising. This, too, after he had vainly sought Colliers' to take his advertising.

As a result of his libelous charges he has been sued by Colliers' and the suits will be legion. The publication of the advertisement of Post in each and every distinct newspaper constitutes a separate offense and provides a separate cause for action. As the advertisement appeared in probably a thousand or two papers it will readily be seen that Colliers' will keep Mr. Post so busy for the next few months that he will scarcely find time to abuse the trades unions.

ANOTHER TRAITOR.

Pretended Friend of Labor Caught in a Dirty Deal.

A short time ago Sheriff Barry of Cleveland was the whole thing with many trades unionists. Barry had 'em hypnotized and nothing would do but elect him Mayor. Later, however, this "friend of labor" organized a de-

fective agency, and was caught red handed trying to bribe a Street Car Men's union official in the Briggs House, Chicago.

Barry handed the worker \$5,000 to agree to the company's selection of a third arbitrator.

Nice business for "friends."—Toledo Union Leader.

HELP THE TELEGRAPHERS.

Blanche Walsh and Louis Mann Tender Big Benefit.

Two thousand dollars was raised at the benefit of the striking telegraphers at the Garrick theatre in Chicago on September 14. Miss Blanche Walsh in "The Straight Road," and Louis Mann playing "The White Hen," conceived the idea and tendered the benefit to the belligerent keyman. About \$2,000 was realized.

A movement is now under headway with the telegraphers to give Miss Walsh and Mr. Mann an ovation in every city in which they appear in the future.

SECURING BETTER PLACES.

Forty telegraph operators, who walked out of the commercial and newspaper offices in Spokane, have taken positions in other lines for the time and several have joined the railroad service. They are prepared for a long seige. They gave a benefit ball in Elks' temple shortly after the strike was declared and netted more than \$500, not a penny of which has yet been drawn upon. The local unions have also decided upon weekly assessments, the funds being turned over to the telegraphers.

A GOOD STARTER.

R. M. McCullough of Seattle drew \$348.10 from the I. T. U. treasury for going to the Hot Springs convention as a member of the pension committee. The young man does well for a beginner.—Western Laborer.

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