

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.

Machinists' Union ball, Fraternity hall, January 21.

Mrs. T. W. Evans is rapidly recovering from severe illness.

Mrs. F. H. Hebbard has fully recovered from her recent severe illness.

Mrs. Fred Mickel, who has been very ill for several weeks, is reported much better.

The total number of alien immigrants admitted in the United States during October was 11,513.

Walter Swanson made an overland journey to Shipley this week and will visit there for a short time.

Mr. and Mrs. Doine returned to their home in Saronville last Tuesday after a pleasant visit with relatives in Lincoln.

The threatened strike of marine engineers at Honolulu has been averted by the acceptance of a proposition to arbitrate grievances.

Gus Swanson has been fighting the grip for several weeks, so last Tuesday he packed his grip and went to Mason City to visit with his brother for a couple of weeks.

Cotton weaving in Africa, under the crude methods employed by the natives, is a slow process. A skilled workman can weave three yards a day and is considered a crackerjack.

Labor organizations will live, thrive and be successful. The noble men and women who constitute its membership cannot be discouraged in faith, frightened from allegiance, or bull-

Keep away from San Francisco! Pay no attention to advertisements in daily papers for men. Conditions are not as represented. Wages are low, conditions poor, living high, and every trade is overrun with men. dozed by court decisions.

Workmen hate a traitor and a crook above all other things. The man who attains an office of trust at their hands and hastens to degrade it and rob those who have honored him is their deadliest enemy and they know it.

Hollermakers throughout the United States are protesting against the noise resulting from the use of pneumatic tools which destroy the nerves and health of the men. It is said that these tools are yearly becoming more powerful and harmful to those who use them in their work.

On January 1, 1907, there were 25,714 co-operative societies in existence in Germany with a total membership of 3,860,143. The corresponding totals for a year ago being 24,652 and 3,658,537. The large majority of these were credit associations with an aggregate membership of over two millions.

A temporary organization, which will embrace all the building trades unions in the United States and Canada, was completed in New York City on Sunday. A charter for the new organization will be asked for at the next meeting of the executive council of the American Federation of Labor, which will be held in New York on January 20. A meeting to form a permanent organization will be held January 9. It is estimated that the new federation will number over 1,000,000 members.

WHITTEN IS RE-ELECTED.

Commercial Club Retains Services of Man Who Has Made Good.

The directors of the Commercial Club met last Monday and unanimously re-elected Secretary Whitten for another two years, and at the same time granted him a generous increase in salary.

The Wageworker wants to congratulate Secretary Whitten because of this evidence of his satisfactory service, but it more particularly wants to congratulate the Commercial Club on being able to retain his services. Mr.

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Whitten is a hustler from Hustlersville, and has the ability to organize and plan and carry out moves for the upbuilding of Lincoln. Since he entered the employ of the Commercial Club that body has commenced to achieve results. It has secured a correction of a great many injustices in the matter of railroad rates, it has secured new industries, it has advertised Lincoln, and it has awakened a civic pride and patriotism that promises well for the future.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS.

Elects Officers for the Ensuing Year and Starts Off Well.

The Electrical Workers have elected the following officers for the ensuing term:

President, C. M. Anderson. Financial secretary, W. L. Mayer. Recording secretary, G. E. Vennum. Trustees, Mark Carveth, Henry Streeter, B. B. Joslin.

Work continues good and practically ever member has steady employment. The University Place job is opening up in fine shape, and in a week or two a big force of men will be at work installing the new automatic system in that flourishing suburb.

Work on the automatic system in Omaha is being pushed and the demand for men there keeps the local field well drained, thus furnishing steady work here.

The union has changed meeting place and will hereafter meet at 1034 O street. In a short time a handsome electric sign will be placed in front of the hall for the guidance of the general public. The union meets on Thursday night.

The Electrical Workers are proud of the part their representatives are playing in the Labor Temple movement. The Electrical Workers were the first to "come across" with a subscription of \$100 to the Temple fund, and individual members are following suit in fine shape. Three outside locals have purchased stock, thus swelling the grand total of Electrical Worker subscriptions.

STONE CAPTURED.

Recrout Official of Leatherworkers' Union Found in Utah.

Joseph J. Stone, charged with having embezzled the funds of the local union of Leatherworkers on Horse Goods while financial secretary of that body, was located and arrested in Utah several days ago. On Tuesday George Bush, acting for the local, swore out a complaint charging Stone with the crime, and an officer started at once for Salt Lake City to bring him back.

Stone suddenly disappeared from Lincoln some six or eight months ago, and an examination of his books showed him to be short over \$150. The local union, however, was none the wiser, Stone having been bonded. The bonding company immediately made good the shortage and set its detectives on Stone's trail. His photograph was published in the official organ and a few days ago he was located at Salt Lake City. When Stone left Lincoln he left his wife and an infant daughter and it was reported that domestic trouble was the cause of his flight. This was denied by Mrs. Stone, who said that her husband had made one or two unfortunate investments, using the funds of the union temporarily, and when settlement time came he fled rather than face the music. It is not known whether she is with him or with her folks at Tecumseh. She left Lincoln a month or so after Stone disappeared.

The complaint was lodged against Stone by the local union, but at the instance of the bonding company, and the local, although the loss has been made good, will prosecute.

THE BARBERS.

Forget Business for a While and Enjoy Themselves Hugely.

The members of the local Barbers' Union were the hosts Wednesday night, and the employing barbers and the non-union barbers were the guests. The occasion was a sort of "open house" affair for the purpose of getting together and getting better acquainted; to frankly talk about some matters and freely express opinions. In point of numbers it was the largest social ever held by the local.

In point of interest and enthusiasm it was long to be remembered. It was especially pleasing to the local to see a number of the non-union barbers present in response to the invitation, and nothing was left undone to make these visitors feel at home. President McBride called the gathering to order after the local had transacted a little routine business behind closed doors, and from that moment until midnight there was something doing all the time.

Several of the employing barbers made brief addresses, among them being Messrs. Green, Leopold, Bartleman, Chaplin and Bowmen. Several journeymen spoke briefly. All the remarks were along the line of getting better acquainted and working more

GREAT JANUARY CLEARING AND STOCK REDUCING SALE

1908 AT 1-5 OFF

on Dress Goods, Silks, Flannels, White Goods, Velvets, Underwear, Blankets, Comforters, Table Linens, Napkins, Linings, Shirtings and Rugs.

This is a sale of real values—values that are appreciated by all our customers who have ever attended one of our clearing sales. Better bargains this year than ever before. Come early and get first choice. The discounts cover practically our whole stock—only a few unimportant exceptions made.

1908 AT 1-5 OFF

on Laces, Embroideries, Ribbons, Belts, Bags, Neckwear, Fleece and Wool Hosiery, Knit Goods of all kinds, Gloves, Vellings, Doilies, Combs and Handkerchiefs.

Skirts

300 men tailored, good fitting, stylish Skirts at astonishingly low prices.

\$ 5.50 to \$ 8.50 values winter weight will go at...\$2.95 5.95 to 5.50 regular line will go at.....\$3.95 7.50 to 6.75 regular line will go at.....\$4.95 9.50 to 8.50 regular line will go at.....\$5.95 11.50 to 9.95 regular line will go at.....\$6.95 12.50 to 14.50 regular line will go at.....\$8.95

One rack, 60 garments of broken sizes, your choice at half price.

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Dress Goods, Coatings, Black Silks, Women's and Children's Underwear, Taffeta Silks and Lace Waists, Wool and Novelty Check Waists, Coats, Cravenette Raincoats, Children's Reefers, Furs, Wool Yarn Sweaters.

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harmoniously and the utmost good feeling prevailed.

At 10 o'clock the mysterious sounds in an adjoining room were explained, for at that time it was announced that supper was ready. There was a great plenty of oysters, pickles, celery and coffee, and after them plenty of good union made cigars. Then came singing, card playing, music and boxing bouts to keep everybody busy and happy. From start to finish it was a lively affair and thoroughly enjoyed by all present. The committee having the function in charge is entitled to credit for the splendid work it performed.

Work in the barber line is reported slack at this time.

Local barbers are still laughing over the story from Central City. A man got into a chair in Central City and the barber shaved him. Then the customer coincided with the barber's view that a haircut was necessary. So followed curling of the mustache, face massage, egg shampoo and everything that goes. When the operation was concluded the barber was horrified to learn that the customer was crazy and didn't have a cent.

Robert Strain, who has been under the weather for a long time, is feeling a lot better.

BRICKLAYERS WARNED

Will Enforce Rule Against Accepting Cards in Contested Territory.

In response to complaints received from local unions the Executive Board of the International Union of Bricklayers and Masons has issued notice that locals engaged in a contest with employers will receive the support of the board in refusing to recognize traveling cards of the International Union. The notice sent out by the board states that "traveling members in great numbers will still persist in going into the jurisdiction of unions that are involved in the open-shop struggle, notwithstanding repeated warning and requests to stay away."

Attention is called to the fact that there are now more than 1,000 locals connected with the International and that consequently traveling members can have their cards renewed by unions that are not engaged in local fights.

The notice concludes with a warning to all members to stay away from the following towns, in which the unions are engaged in "a fight to the finish against the open shop;" Louisville, Ky., Washington, D. C.; Wilmington and Lyon, Mass.; Wilkes-Barre and Benwick, Pa., and Los Angeles, Cal.

WHAT IS A "RAT"?

A Few Words About the Most Despicable Form of Genus Rodent.

Men and women engaged in the printing trades have a pet name for the soulless individual who is low enough and mean enough to profit by the sacrifices and toll of his fellows. Other tradesmen call this class "scabs," but printing tradesmen call them "rats." The village of Hamelin, in a country of Europe, was once infested with a plague of rats, and the plague was unstayed until the famous Pied Piper appeared on the scene and offered to get rid of the rodents if paid a certain sum. The village burghers agreed, and the Pied Piper tuned up his pipes. The rodents followed him until he led them into a hole in the mountain, which closed behind them forever. Then the Pied Piper demanded his money. Then it was the burghers showed that too long association with rats had made them as crooked as the modern rodents of the printing trades. Having been rid of the rats, they refused to pay up. Thereupon the Pied Piper again tuned up his pipes, and this time he led the children of the village into the same hole in the mountain, and from that day to this neither piper nor children have been seen. Doubtless this story is the foundation for the term "rat" which print-

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ing tradesmen apply to the narrow-browed, white-livered, treacherous animals who sneak around like the rodents of Hamelin and live fat on the toll and sacrifices of the men and women who have brought about endurable conditions.

Lincoln, happily, has only a few of these long-tailed, sneaking animals. Just at present they are not walking around in public much. They prefer the sight of decent, generous, square the sight of decent, generous, suaver tradesmen of the printing crafts. But if you happen to meet up with one you will have little difficulty in "spotting" them. The shifty eye, the hanging dog expression, give them away. Look out for them and avoid them as you would any other plague. Rats, whether of the four-footed or the two-footed kind, carry all manner of contagious disease, the only difference being that while the four-footed rodents carry physical disease, the two-footed kind carry moral and social disease.

on "The Church and the Workingman." Somehow Mr. Stelzle had gained the idea that not so many ministers might be present to hear him, but the ministers of Boston are always ready to hear a strong man talk in a strong way on a good cause, provided he knows something about it—and Mr. Stelzle certainly, to drop into the lingo of the shops, "knows his job," and is doing his work well. The influence of the Department of Church and Labor, of which he is the head, is reaching out far beyond the bounds of the Presbyterian church and is showing how progressive in practical Christian work a conservative church can be. None of the so-called liberal branches of the church have anything to compare in significance with Mr. Stelzle's work. This is said not boastfully, but as a proof of the virility of the old doctrines to work out helpfully into modern conditions of life—churchly, socially and politically.—New York Observer.

VIRTUE SPASM

Congressman Clark of Florida, has introduced a bill in the House, prohibiting the transportation in the mails, or the depositing in any mail receptacle, of any newspaper, magazine or other publication containing the alleged facts of any divorce suit, murder case, or other proceeding "of an indecent or immoral character, of which would tend to corrupt the young."

STELZLE KNOWS HIS JOB.

The Machinist-Preacher Doing a Big Work for Unionism.

The Rev. Charles Stelzle made a very pleasant impression on some four hundred ministers of Boston whom he addressed on December 9 in the historic Park Street Church, under the auspices of the Evangelical Alliance,