

GENERAL MENTION.

Bits of Labor News Gathered Chiefly With the Scissors.

Look for the union label. The union label—that's all. Now, Where do you stand? If it is not labeled, refuse it. Louisville, Ky., has a woman's label league.

New Zealand has 13,257 old-age pensioners. Cincinnati has a trades union baseball league.

Federation and conciliation sounds good, but—The recent telegraph strike cost \$20,000,000.

Union made shoes are sold by Rogers & Perkins. "Stay away from Frisco," is the cry of the workers on the coast.

Negotiations are underway to settle the Machinists' strike against the Erie Railway.

The net results of more than two decades of labor in the labor movement—injunction!

The greatest crime against the human family and the labor movement is indifference.

The Terre Haute Labor News refers to the Supreme Court as the "hire" court. Les majeste!

The Ministerial association of Ft. Wayne, Ind., is now affiliated with the Central body of that city.

"Ghastly humor," is the way the Toledo Union Leader refers to the five judicial rulings aimed at labor.

The labor unionists of Great Britain have started a movement for the establishment of a national daily paper.

The Street Railway Men, of Chicago, are planning to organize a joint council of the locals within that jurisdiction.

The coal mines at Spring Valley, Ill., the home of John Mitchell, have shut down, alleging hard times as the cause.

Trade unionists of Baltimore are making a stiff fight for an employers' liability bill before the Maryland legislature.

It is estimated that more than one hundred and ten million dollars was taken out of this country in 1907 by immigrants.

The San Antonio Weekly Dispatch says "We never sleep; always aware," is a good motto for organized labor to adopt. Agreed to.

Edwin R. Wright, president of the Illinois State Federation of Labor, is out in a letter favoring political action by the labor unions of that state.

The Bakers' local union of St. Paul and Minneapolis, have formed a joint executive board to look after the interests of the bakers of the two cities.

The Chicago Daily Post refers to William Randolph Hearst as "formerly the red headline of radicalism, now the prime convert and main prep of the temple of safety and sanity."

The Order of Railway Telegraphers has a movement on foot to organize a bonding company to bond its members who are required by the companies for whom they work to give bond.

According to the Wheeling Majority the State Federation of West Virginia opposes child labor, corporations paying salary of immigration commissioner, Taft and his staff, and demands compulsory education, protection of children and abolition of contract prison labor.

The Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers organized 81 local unions during the last six months of last year. That's what I call organizing some.

A Census bulletin says Illinois, with 1,591,000 horses, leads all the states in that industry, and it might have added jackasses also. Take the latter part in a political sense.

Some of the sweat shops of New York force their operatives to pay for the gas they use. O, Lord! and this in a town where dogs wear five thousand dollar diamonds in their ears.

Because of the alleged panic, the

employees of the Elgin Watch company, of Elgin, Ill., have had their working time cut down to four days a week. The cut effects three thousand employees.

The Bakers' Union, of Indianapolis, after being out for a long time, has again affiliated with the Central Labor Union of that city.

It is said the czar of Russia owns all the saloons in that country, and a Russian is not considered strictly patriotic unless he gets drunk. Now here's a chance for our prohibition crusaders to do something—convert Nick.

The Glass Workers' Union, of New Jersey, has taken seventy-five children, under age, from the glass factories of that state, and is sending them to school. Here's a chance for Van Cleave to get an injunction for "restraint of trade."

Uncle "Joe" Cannon has been at it again. The poor newspaper men of the country want the tariff on pulp repealed, and appealed to the czar to help them have it done. "Go you to," said the original stand-patter of Danville, Illinois.

The Socialists of the Girard, Kans., Congressional District, have nominated Comrade Wilson for Congress, and Mother Jones is to stump the district for him. Now you know there is bound to be sumpin' doing in the sun-flower patch.

The Virginia Unionist says that the bricklayers of Norfolk, Va., have voluntarily reduced their wages from six to five dollars per day, until the financial panic has passed. A good example for landlords to follow in the matter of rents.

The Michigan Union Advocate, in a leading editorial on the labor movement which is it today, says "Let us live and let live." That is one of the cardinal principles of the movement, brother, but the other fellow is so cussed selfish that he can't see it.

It is believed by those who are best competent to judge that the coal miners of western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, will go on strike the first of April. The strike may also effect operations in West Virginia, Kentucky, Iowa, and Michigan.

THE BARTENDERS.

Sitting Tight and Waiting With Confidence the Result.

The prohibition managers are disappointed because the bartenders and the saloon men are not making an active campaign of opposition. But the bartenders are refusing to play into the hands of the opposition, and the saloon men are showing every evidence of being willing to abide by the result, whatever it may be. As a result the Civic League is forced to resort to the setting up of straw men and then demolishing them.

William Brandt has been the victim of a rheumatic spell for several weeks, and as a result he has not been on duty for some time. He is now feeling better and will resume his duties soon.

The following concerning the Omaha local is taken from the Omaha Labor Advocate:

"The Bartenders' Union, Local 372, held its election of officers on the 3rd inst., resulting as follows: President, Edward Cole; vice president, Ted Huber; financial secretary, Harry Legg; treasurer, T. Schneckenberger; recorder, H. Jackson; delegates to the Central Labor Union: Cole, Schneckenberger and Legg. Bar cards were granted to Mat Schneckenberger, 412 South Thirteenth street, and Joe Wagman, 1314 Douglas street, just north of the Labor Temple.

"The secretary was instructed to order a stock of bar cards and supplies. Organizer Gue informed the union that he would proceed to take up all old bar cards as soon as the local was in position to furnish cards, as he holds credentials from the International Union for the removal of all cards, even though he is compelled to resort to the courts to effect results.

"All union men are called upon to patronize the Bartenders' Union house card. Demand that the man waiting upon you display the union button."

THE PRESSMEN.

Bunch of Interesting "Dope" From The Men Who Squeeze.

The local Pressmen's Union met in regular monthly session Wednesday evening of last week and in spite of the inclement weather it was one of the best attended meetings in months. A number of important matters were brought up and thoroughly discussed, and the necessary action taken.

The executive committee reported two shops squared and negotiations pending with several others.

The Central Publishing Company's plant has been shut down preparatory to shipping it to some point in Oklahoma, where it will resume operations. The business session over, the "smoker" part of the session began. Cigars, cider and doughnuts were served and the boys forgot about the "sheets on the rollers," the "forms

backed up wrong," "the register," and the various troubles incident to life in the pressroom, and had a jolly good time.

Alex Weckesser is around again, but he limps on one side.

CENTRAL LABOR UNION.

Good Meeting That Gave Evidence of Renewed Union Interest.

The meeting of the Central Labor Union Tuesday night was one of the largest in recent months, and evidenced a renewed interest in the work of organization. At one time the coming referendum election in Lincoln this spring promised to bring on a warm discussion, but it was sidetracked, at least for the time being.

Secretary Kates has completed his roster of the unions in Lincoln, together with their officers, and from now on locals that fail to send representatives will be properly "jacked up," and delegates to fail to perform their duty will be disciplined. The constitution and by-laws will be rigidly enforced hereafter.

President Rudy has announced the following committees for the ensuing six months:

Organization—T. C. Kelsey, Leatherworkers; George F. Quick, Carpenters; E. E. Betz, Electrical Workers. Home Industry—G. A. Walker, Barbers; I. G. Stevens, Typographical; A. C. Blair, Musicians.

Label—Alex Weckesser, Pressmen; W. L. Mansfield, Barbers; H. J. Pickard, Plumbers.

Some interesting discussions as to "ways and means" followed the routine business of the meeting. The new committees will get busy right away and it is expected that the central body will start something along organization lines that will result beneficially.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS.

Planning for an Open Meeting With District President Fitzgerald.

The Electrical Workers are arranging for an open meeting on the evening of March 19. At that time District President Fitzgerald will be in Lincoln and look over the local field. He will address the open meeting. Deputy Commissioner of Labor John J. Ryder will also talk to the assembly. Other speakers will be in attendance, and in addition to the speaking there will be social features.

It is gratifying to note the progress this enterprising organization is making. Under the impetus of the district organization plan the membership in Nebraska has been doubled during the last twelve months. Norfolk, which has been hooked up with the Fremont local for some time, will soon have a local of its own. The organization is being strengthened in other places, too.

Locally work is a little slack. But the outlook is good. The Bell company has let off its cablemen, but the wise ones see in this merely a desire to put another man in later at a reduced wage. The Automatic is stringing a lot of toll lines, and this is helping to keep the men employed.

THE MUSICIANS.

Elite Theater No Longer Supplied With Union Musicians.

When the Elite Theater opened its doors last Monday it was to admit non-union musicians. As a result the Musicians' Protective Union no longer recognize the amusement resort.

For some time the union musicians have been trying to induce the piano player in this house to get right, but backed up by the management she refused. A protest against this was made, and the Elite's manager said:

"No, d—d union can dictate to me, and all you union musicians can take your instruments and move."

The union musicians did so, and now the Elite is offering non-union music to its patrons, a majority of whom are union men and women. Let this fact be borne in mind: The Elite's using non-union musicians. It is illegal to boycott this theater, but there is no law compelling union men and women to spend their money with the Elite theater.

AFTER JUDGE DAYTON'S SCALP.

Southern unionists are petitioning President Roosevelt to "pry Judge Dayton off the backs of the common people." This is the judge that enjoined the Mine Workers, last October, from organizing the West Virginia mines.

BLACKSMITHS AND HELPERS.

Havelock Local Enjoys to the Full its Annual Ball.

Havelock Local No. 163, International Brotherhood of Blacksmiths and Helpers, gave its third annual social at Lancaster hall, Havelock, last evening, March 13. Despite the double hoodoo of Friday the Thirteenth, the social was a pleasing suc-

cess and immensely gratifying to this bunch of enterprising and enthusiastic unionists. The Wageworker regrets exceedingly that it was not aware of this social in time to give it wider publicity.

There was a goodly attendance, Lincoln being quite well represented, and every one who attended was shown a royal good time. The fourth annual entertainment next year will have to go some if it is better than the third annual social held last night.

CONVENTIONS IN 1908.

Where and When Trades Union Gatherings Will Be Held.

matated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers.

May 11, New York City, Actors' National Protective Union of America.

May 11, St. Louis, Mo., American Federation of Musicians.

May 11, —, United Brotherhood of Papermakers of America.

May —, Detroit, Mich., International Tin Plate Workers' Protective Association of America.

May —, York, Pa., National Print Cutters' Association of America.

June 1, St. Paul, Minn., Brotherhood of Boltermakers and Iron Shipbuilders of America.

June 1, Detroit, Mich., International Association of Steam and Hot Water Fitters and Helpers of America.

June —, Washington, D. C., International Union of Journeymen Horse-shoers.

June, Mobile, Ala., International Printing Pressmen's Union.

June 1, Columbus, Ohio, Chainmakers' National Union of the United States of America.

June 1, St. Louis, Mo., International Association of Marble Workers.

June 8, —, International Ceramic Mosaic and Encaustic Tile Layers and Helpers' Union.

June 8, Cincinnati, Ohio, International Brotherhood of Bookbinders.

June 8, —, International Brotherhood of Tip Printers.

June 8, Milwaukee, Wis., The Commercial Telegraphers' Union of April 6, Toronto, Canada, International Association of Fur Workers of the United States and Canada.

May 3, Brockton, Mass., International Union of Cutting Die and Cutter Makers.

May 5, Youngstown, Ohio, Amalgamated Union of America.

July 4, —, Amalgamated Leather Workers' Union of America.

July —, Atlantic City, N. J., National Brotherhood of Operative Longshoremen's Association.

July 6, Buffalo, N. Y., International Jewelry Workers' Union.

July 6, Cincinnati, Ohio, Brushmakers' International Union.

July 7, Baltimore, Md., Glass Bottle Blowers' Association of the United States and Canada.

July 7, Buffalo, N. Y., Amalgamated Window Glass Workers of America.

July 13, Toronto, Canada, International Piano and Organ Workers, Union of America.

July 13, Indianapolis, Ind., Lithographers' International Protective Association.

July 13, Minneapolis, Minn., Theatrical Stage Employees' International Alliance.

July 18, Holyoke, Mass., American Wire Weavers' Protective Association.

July 20, New York City, International Steel and Copper Plate Printers' Union.

August 3, Buffalo, N. Y., National Association of Heat, Frost, General Insulators and Asbestos Workers.

August 4, Detroit, Mich., International Glove Workers' Union of America.

August 10, Detroit, Mich., International Brotherhood of Stationary Firemen.

August 6, Detroit, Mich., International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

August 10, Boston, Mass., International Typographical Union.

August 10, Boston, Mass., International Stereotypers and Electrotypers' Union.

August 11, Indianapolis, Ind., Shirt Waist and Laundry Workers' International Union.

August 24, Milwaukee, Wis., United Garment Workers of America.

September 1, —, Table Knife Grinders' National Union.

September 2, Milwaukee, Wis., American Brotherhood of Cement Workers.

September 7, Denver, Colo., International Association of Machinists.

September 8, New York City, International Photo Engravers' Union of North America.

September 10, Boston, Mass., Splainers' International Union.

September 14, Montreal, Canada, Journeymen Stonecutters' Association of North America.

September 14, Philadelphia, Pa., International Union of Steam Engineers.

September 14, Philadelphia, Pa., International Brick, Tile and Terra Cotta Workers' Alliance.

September 15, Salt Lake City, Utah, United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America.

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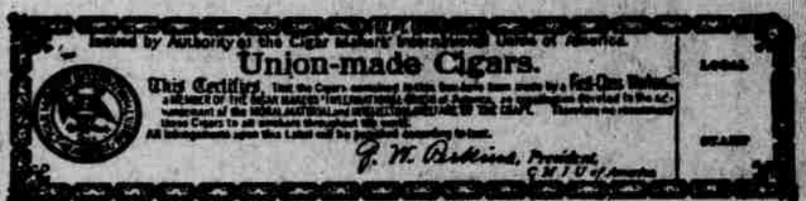
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September 17, New York City, Pocket Knife Blade Grinders and Finishers' National Union.

September 21, Indianapolis, Ind., United Association of Plumbers, Gasfitters, Steamfitters and Steamfitters' Helpers of United States and Canada.

September 21, Indianapolis, Ind., International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers.

October 5, Washington, D. C., Bakery and Confectionery Workers' International Union.

October 5, St. Louis, Mo., International Union of Wood, Wire and Metal Lathers.

October 20, Cohoes, N. Y., United Textile Workers of America.

November 9, Denver, Colo., American Federation of Labor.

November 10, Bangor, Pa., International Union of Slate Workers.

November 12, Vinalhaven, Me., Lobster Fishermen's International Protective Association.

December 7, New Orleans, La., International Brotherhood of Maintenance-of-Way Employees.

December 7, Brooklyn, N. Y., National Alliance of Bill Posters and Billers of America.

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