

Some June Reminders

June, the merry month of brides and roses, of outings and of moonlighted strolls. Sounds good, doesn't it? But here's something else that sounds good. Listen:

The Real Goods FOR Good Union Men

and at prices that are good from the viewpoint of the union man's purse. Union made clothing—and the best we can buy. We long ago learned that union men deserve the best, and also that they demand it and are willing to pay a fair price for it. So we searched till we found the best union made clothing in the world. It bears the name of "Brock" in addition to the union label. Enough said, except that the bargain prices we offer will please you fully as much as the goods. Oh, yes! We've got other union made goods. Elgin shirts, for instance. None better at the price. "No Name" hars. None so good for the money. Ginger up with June and outfit yourself in union made array.

ARMSTRONG CLOTHING CO.

Good Clothes Merchants



Officers of the state body will try to induce the St. Paul central body to reconsider its action. The assembly has been represented in the convention for 20 years.

Unions of retail clerks, hodcarriers and mason tenders, and building laborers, were recently installed at Rochester, N. Y. Other unions are in process of formation, and it is expected that Rochester will have at least half a dozen healthy labor organizations and a strong central body when the work there is completed.

The District Council of Retail Clerks, composed of delegates from San Francisco, San Jose, San Rafael, Point Richmond and Oakland, Cal., met recently and adopted the name of California State Council of Retail Clerks. The council will act as an intermediate body between the subordinate organizations and the labor council.

A movement has been started in Sonoma county, California, to have all producers form an organization for the protection of mutual interests. This movement has for its purpose the securing of a place in San Francisco where all products can be shipped direct and be disposed of without having to pay a commission to the middlemen for handling the goods.

The Dominion Immigration department has sent a circular to steamship companies and booking agents announcing that the only classes of immigrants wanted in Canada at the present time are experienced farm laborers, farmers, financially

able to take homesteads or purchase lands, and female domestic servants. It says that the demand for railway labor is filled for this season.

May Day this year is probably a record-breaker in the labor world. It was remarkable for the scarcity of disturbances along industrial lines, there being very few strikes throughout the country inaugurated on this day, the hard times from which the country is just emerging doubtless preventing the men in the various crafts from bringing a further trouble on the expiration of their yearly wage contracts.

PERSISTENCY WON.

Talk about staying qualities; the Theatrical Stage Employees of Detroit, Mich., won a strike for recognition of union and wage scale after a struggle which was persistently waged for seven years. They must have been endowed with the spirit of the Old Guard—Kansas City Labor Herald.

To Clean Silk, Glo. vs.

Washing silk gloves rots them rapidly, especially at the finger ends, yet nothing is less excusable than soiled white or other light silk gloves, because it is so easy to wash them.

To prevent this rapid destruction of the finger ends the gloves should be hung to dry with the tips up. This can be accomplished only by pinning each finger out on a cloth and then hanging up the cloth with the arms of the gloves down. This lets water run into the portions of the gloves which receive the least wear, dries the tips more quickly and prevents the destructive action of water on the silk.—Delineator.

PATRONIZE YOUR HOME INSTITUTIONS

Where you earn your money is the best place to spend it.

Let Lincoln workingmen remember that important fact. Every dollar earned in Lincoln and spent outside of Lincoln is a dollar taken away from the local volume of money, and in time will re-act on the wage earners.

Every dollar spent in Lincoln adds to the volume of business, and every addition to business means more work for wage earners.

These statements are axiomatic. An axiom is a self-evident truth.

There is no reason whatever why a Lincoln wage earner should buy a pound of groceries, a stitch of clothing, a dollar's worth of fire, accident or life insurance, a piece of furniture, a yard of carpet, or anything else, outside of Lincoln. All these things may be purchased as cheap or cheaper in Lincoln than elsewhere. You know your local merchants. They are responsible, and if their wares are not up to requirements they will make good. The catalogue houses are financially responsible, of course, but if the goods they sell are not satisfactory the purchaser has no recourse. Every dollar spent with Chicago catalogue houses is a dollar taken from Lincoln, and that dollar never comes back to Lincoln. A dollar spent with your home merchant remains in Lincoln, and sooner or later some wage earner gets it.

Your local merchant will help you if you are in the hole. He will give you reasonable credit, and in case of sickness will stand your friend. The catalogue houses do not know you, will not trust you and after they get your money they don't give a tinker's dam whether you live or die. Your local merchants pay taxes to help support the schools where the children of Lincoln wage earners are educated. The Chicago catalogue houses do not pay a cent towards the support of Lincoln schools. Lincoln merchants pay taxes to help keep the streets clean and well lighted and the city library open. The catalogue houses do not pay a cent in Lincoln for that purpose.

Last year the merchants of Lincoln voluntarily subscribed upwards of a thousand dollars to improve the new city park, which will be enjoyed by the wage earners of Lincoln and their children. The catalogue houses will not subscribe a cent in a thousand years for that beneficent purpose.

When you were out of work a month or two ago, was it the local merchant or the catalogue house that gave you credit and trusted you until you got work and made the money to meet the bill? The local merchant of course. You would have suffered and your family would have suffered if you had been compelled to depend on the catalogue house.

Stand by your local merchant. Spend your money at home, and you will be able to make more money to spend.

Home first, the world afterwards. That's a mighty good motto for any city to follow.

Patronize home institutions and home merchants unless you know them to be the enemies of organized labor.

GOSSIP OF THE TOILERS.

Latest News of Busy Workers in Mines, Mills and Workshops.

Wages of Cleveland, Eng., miners have been reduced 5 per cent.

St. Paul, Minn., union bakers have secured an increase of \$1 a week in their pay.

New York brewery workers have signed a three-year agreement with the employers.

Tinsmiths in New Zealand are among the best paid mechanics. They receive £2 10s a week.

The French Railway Workers' union numbers 45,000 men, and has an annual income of about \$30,000.

The maximum figure for an experienced locomotive engineer in England is only \$11.68 per week.

The New York Central employs 50,000 men, and between \$3,000,000 and \$3,500,000 is paid in monthly wages.

For 12 years there has been no legal restriction whatever upon the working hours of girls over 16 in Illinois.

International Union of Journeymen Horseshoers will hold its annual convention next month in Washington, D. C.

A referendum is being taken by the brewery workmen to decide whether or not the annual convention shall be abolished.

Labor unions are no new invention. Accurate records of their existence in Roman times have been dug up in Pompeii.

Approximately 125,000 unskilled laborers are affiliated with the General Federation of Trade Unions in Germany.

Governor Gillett of California will endeavor to have the next legislature

make an appropriation to enforce the law to regulate the employment of children.

It is expected that a new union of street laborers will be organized and affiliated with the San Francisco labor council.

In Germany all workmen, servants and clerks above 16, and getting less than \$500 a year, are obliged by law to insure against old age.

If a miner is killed by an explosion in Japan the law is that his family shall receive \$25 or 100 days' wages formerly earned by the deceased.

Andrea Marotta of New York, special Italian organizer for the United Garment Workers' union, has formed an Italian local in Boston, Mass.

Andrew Carnegie has given \$200,000 more to the General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen of New York, bringing the total of his gifts to that body up to \$527,000.

Work was resumed recently in all coal mines in Illinois. The vote on the proposition to accept the operators' proposal of the scale of 1906 was 21,167 for accepting to 19,146 against.

Boston waiters' and other unions are making an effort to have the license commissioners make a rule that women cannot be employed to serve liquor in any licensed place in the city.

Horse Collar Makers' association of Boston, recently ceased to exist, after 25 years. The members joined Harness Makers' union, No. 105, in a body.

Memphis, Tenn., local of the International Steam Engineers has received a petition from the hoisting and portable engineers at work in the city, requesting the privilege of

organizing a hoisting and portable local.

The supreme court of Nevada has handed down a decision which renders boycotts in all forms illegal. The decision of a lower court that a union, being an unincorporated body, could not be sued, is reversed.

It is said that the Canadian government railroads have agreed to recognize the International Brotherhood of Railway Employees, and that 2,000 employees of the International Railroads have joined the organization.

Applications for the organizations of divisions in South America and in the Canal Zone have been received by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. The applications from South America came chiefly from Brazil.

New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Freight Handlers' union No. 70 is dissatisfied with what its members consider unnecessary layoffs by that road, and has appointed a committee to confer with the management.

The latest addition to the federation of employees already reported covering trades in the mechanical department of the Canadian Pacific railroad is the Brotherhood of Railway Carmen. They will increase the federation in strength by 35,000 men.

It was recommended at the recent convention of the International Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, held at Columbus, O., that an age limit of 50 years be established, so that no man may be taken into the order after that age if he has never been a member.

The first use of the word "strike" in its present accepted sense occurred in the London Chronicle in 1765. In

September of that year are numerous references to a great suspension of labor in the northern coal fields, and the colliers are stated to have "struck out" for higher wages.

The decision of the woodworking operatives in the shipbuilding trade of the Tyne district not to agree to a reduction of wages has induced the employers in Scotland to proclaim a lockout of all similar workers, notwithstanding that the Clyde men had not refused to accept the reduction.

The labor men of Memphis, Tenn., are planning to again have representation in the Tennessee legislature. It is likely a plan similar to the one adopted two years ago will be again adopted this year, in order to secure the choice of organized labor as to who shall represent it in the legislature.

By a referendum vote of 77,000 to 7,000 the United Mine Workers' union of America has ratified the two-year wage contract entered into at Toledo, Ohio, in April between representatives of the union and the operators. The agreement affects the coal fields in Western Pennsylvania, Indiana and Ohio.

The American Federation of Labor has appealed to the New York C. L. U. and to all local unions affiliated with it to contribute to the fund for the purpose of the conference organized to take action to bring about the passage of the bills before congress sought by the American Federation of Labor.

The St. Paul, Minn., Assembly did not elect delegates to the state federation convention this year, believing that the money could be used advantageously in local organization work.