

## GENERAL MENTION.

### Some Brief Bits of News Picked Up Here and There.

About \$4,000,000 per day is earned by the trades unionists of this country.

The fifty-second anniversary of the eight-hour demonstration was held in Melbourne, Australia, recently.

The Alaskan fisheries give employment to over 5,000 fishermen, the majority of whom are now organized.

False-Taft's remedy for the unemployed hungry is "God knows." Ice Trust Sherman's is "I don't want to be disturbed."

In San Francisco there is a movement to organize all the laborers of the several departments of the municipality into a new union.

Mrs. Oak Armstead has returned to her home in North Bend after a visit with her daughter, Miss Gertrude, and her sister, Mrs. W. M. Maupin.

A complication of trade union statistics in the principal countries of the world places the number of members in good standing at 9,000,000.

The cost of living has advanced during the last ten years 40 per cent, while wages have increased not more than 15 or 20 per cent at the outside.

A petition is pending before Judge De Arcy in the juvenile court as to whether the child labor law of the District of Columbia applies to newsboys.

"Billy" McQuiston, formerly a member of the Lincoln Barbers' union, but now a traveling salesman, was one of the lucky ones in the recently land lottery.

The nomination of officers by the Boot and Shoe Workers' union is completed. President Tobin received the nomination of 86 unions out of 102 voting.

The wages of the women employed in sewing uniforms at the Brooklyn, N. Y., navy yard have been reduced recently, and the women have decided to petition the navy department.

The Montana State Federation of Labor is initiating a petition for submission at the next general election for the employers' liability act, and an act exempting labor unions from injunctions.

The coal miners of Great Britain are at last united in one organized body. The Durham miners, who in the past have refused to affiliate with the Miners' federation, have decided to affiliate.

The United Hatters of America local of Newark, N. J., has induced the police commissioners of that city to hereafter refuse to accept any helmets for the police force which were not made in Essex county union hat factories.

Frederick Schmidt, a carpenter of Spindehof, Upper Palatinate, has been notified through the German legation at St. Petersburg that he is heir to \$7,500,000 in cash and to several estates in Russia, the property of a German soldier of fortune.

### WOULDN'T BE THE FIRST.

### Some Alleged Labor Papers Have Already Sold Out to Labor Crushers.

We were surprised to receive a most flattering offer from representatives of the national republican committee for the publication of an editorial denouncing Mr. Bryan and faying Samuel Gompers, for his present stand.

The offer was turned down as coldly and contemptuously as the editor knew how to do the job.

The space to be used and the suggestions made meant that this paper could draw a check in payment for the dirty work amounting to about \$50. To the editor this looked like a lot of money for the publication of a few lines, but the thought of accepting the bribe never once was considered. Twelve other papers in the United States were to receive the same offer of silver to do the Judas act, and we are watching to see if they sell.—Joplin, Mo., Trades Unionist.

### SOLID FOR BRYAN.

### Teamsters' Union Official Says Chicago Unionists Are Solidly in Line.

George W. Briggs, auditor of the International Teamsters' union, is in Detroit.

Speaking of the political situation he said: "Why, Chicago is solidly for Bryan, and all along the line of travel there is nothing but Bryan sentiment among the unionists and the working people. Bryan will sweep the country, and poor old Taft will be buried so far that Roosevelt will not be able to dig him out with the big stick in ten years."

Briggs has always been a republican, but this year he says that Bryan is the only salvation of the workers.—Detroit Union Advocate.

## THE QUESTION OF THE HOUR

### Shall Individual Liberty Be Preserved or Shall It Be Throttled?

That is the question of the hour. It is one that not only applies to the workman who carries a card of membership in a labor union, but is one that applies and must appeal to the unorganized, for those conditions that affect the liberty of the union workmen must assuredly affect the rights and privileges of the unorganized wage earners. In the campaign that is before us corporate interests are again attempting to deceive, coerce and frighten the workmen of our country into voting for those candidates whose election will mean a still greater interference with their individual liberty, which can only be maintained by collective action, and which they are constantly seeking to destroy. One of the strongest weapons is the appeal to the workmen's stomachs, which is resounding the country over. The workman is told, "Elect this man and elect that man to office and you will surely carry a full dinner pail."

Is it not about time, brothers, that the intelligence of the workmen was

pression, but speaking for the bricklayers, masons and plasterers of the country, their intelligence is going to decide as to who they shall vote for when they go to the ballot box on the third day of November next, and not their stomachs.

Organized workmen have suffered the pangs of hunger time and time again. Yes, they have stood by and seen their loved ones cry for bread while they were fighting for better conditions, for better living wages, for reasonable hours of toil, and for the right as individuals to associate themselves with their brothers to obtain and maintain these better conditions, and which they are still fighting for today.

Is it to be expected, then, after having struggled so bravely amid misery and want to secure and maintain freedom on the economic field, that they are going to surrender their freedom and individual liberty on the political field to those who would destroy every vestige of unionism? We say a thousand times NO! Their intelligence will guide them and their convictions arrived at they will march to the ballot box like true patriots and cast their ballot as their conscience

## TAFT AS A UNIONIST.

### His "Union" Membership is One of the Campaign's Big Jokes.

Although he has nowhere in his speaking campaign exhibited any strength as a popular leader, Mr. Taft did not descend to demagoguery until, upon making his tour of Ohio last week, he delivered a succession of piteous appeals to organized workmen. This begging for labor votes, not upon any broad principles, but as a matter of personal consideration to himself, was a spectacle. Nothing better describes it than the old negro's characterization of his spine as being "powerful weak." And when Mr. Taft supplemented his appeals with a symbolic exhibition to those Ohio labor unionists of his "union card" as a member of organized labor, he intensified the demagoguery of his performance. Everyone must judge for himself whether Mr. Taft's demagoguery was elevated or lowered by the farcical fact upon which he seriously enlarged—that his trade union membership had been conferred upon him by an Isthmian canal shovelers' union as a reward of merit for his amiable qualities as a boss. But there can be no

that he holds a union card in an Isthmian shovelers' labor union! Isn't it to laugh?—Chicago Public.

## DEATH BED REPENTANCE.

### Isn't Their Sudden Interest in the Toiler Rather Suspicious.

Mr. Taft and President Roosevelt are displaying at this late hour in the presidential campaign a lively interest in organized labor. It is somewhat in the nature of "death bed repentance," as religious revivalists would say. Very different is the present solicitude of these anxious gentlemen for organized labor—very, very, different; oh, so different—from their coldness and unconcern when the republican national convention at Chicago, which President Roosevelt controlled and Mr. Taft therefore carried, backed up Mr. Van Cleave in telling the representatives of organized labor to "go to Denver where they belonged."—Chicago Public.

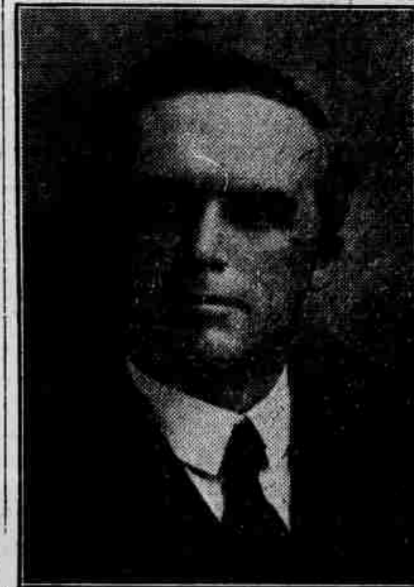
## CAPITAL AUXILIARY.

Capital Auxiliary will meet Wednesday, November 14, with Mrs. Orval T. Young, 3226 W St.

## JOHN A. MAGUIRE.

### Democratic Candidate for Congress First Nebraska District.

John A. Maguire is a resident of Lincoln, having lived there for thirteen years. He was reared on a farm near Mitchell, South Dakota, and graduated at Iowa Agricultural College and at the University of Nebraska. He was deputy county treasurer of Lancaster county in 1900 and



1901, and since then he has practiced law in Lincoln. Mr. Maguire was sent as a delegate from his district to the democratic national convention at St. Louis, and has always been a loyal supporter of Mr. Bryan.

**John A. Maguire's Platform:** As a candidate for congress in the First Nebraska district I ask for the support of men of all parties; promise that if elected my official conduct will be governed with an eye single to the best interests of my country in general and of the First Nebraska district in particular.

I shall not assume that the large majority generally cast for the republican candidate in this district justifies Congressman Pollard in casting his vote for the ship subsidy and in surrendering his power and authority, even his opinions to the machine manipulated by Joseph G. Cannon and operated to the advantage of the special interests which Speaker Cannon has so long and so faithfully served.

- I Shall Favor:**
1. Guaranteed bank deposits.
  2. Tariff revision downward at once and in favor of all the people.
  3. Election of United States senators by direct vote.
  4. Physical valuation of railroads.
  5. Publicity of campaign funds before election.
  6. Rigid regulation of all corporations.
  7. Eight-hour day on government work.
  8. Income tax.
  9. Improvement of inland waterways.

- I Shall Oppose:**
1. Mr. Cannon's election as speaker.
  2. "Cannonism" in our House of Representatives.
  3. Ship subsidy in any form.
  4. All bounties, burdens, and special privileges in which only a favored few are benefited at the expense of the many.
  5. All "trust-breeding" legislation.
  6. All private monopolies.

I will not be bound by the action of any caucus when such action is detrimental to the people of this district.

### Mr. Pollard's Record:

1. Ignored the resolution adopted by the Nebraska legislature January 29, 1907, asking him to vote against the ship subsidy bill.
2. Delivered a speech in the House February 26, 1907, supporting the ship subsidy bill.
3. Voted for the ship subsidy bill, March 1, 1907.
4. Belongs to the Cannon "Stand Pat Organization" in the House.
5. Refused to join democrats in an effort to adopt reform policies urged by the president.
6. Supported the Aldrich-Vreeland currency bill.
7. Refuses to commit himself in this campaign against Joseph G. Cannon for speaker.

### Notice of Adoption.

In re adoption No. 256 of James Vernon in the County Court of Lancaster County, Nebraska.

The State of Nebraska. To all persons interested take notice that Edwin Hall and Lulu Hall, husband and wife, have filed their petition and relinquishment of the State of Nebraska, by the superintendent of the Home of the Friendless, its custodian, for the adoption of James Vernon, a minor male child, with bestowal of property rights and change of name to Edwin Carter Hall, which has been set for hearing before this court on December 28th, 1908, at 9 o'clock a. m., when you may appear, object to and contest the same.

Dated October 8, 1908.  
P. JAS. COSGRAVE,  
County Judge.  
(Seal)  
By Walter A. Leese, Clerk.

### Notice of Final Report.

Estate No. 2309 of Andrew Sundean, deceased, in County Court of Lancaster County, Nebraska.

The State of Nebraska. To all persons interested in said estate, take notice, that the administrator has filed a final account and report of his administration, and a petition for final settlement and discharge as such, which have been set for hearing before said court on November 10, 1908, at 9 o'clock a. m., when you may appear and contest the same.

Dated October 8, 1908.  
P. JAS. COSGRAVE,  
County Judge.  
(Seal)  
By Walter A. Leese, Clerk.

# WHO GETS THE PROSPERITY?

During the past twelve years of Republican government the average cost of living has increased 48 per cent.

## HAS YOUR INCOME INCREASED 48 PER CENT?

### Bryan and Kern's Election Means Real Tariff Revision and Lower Cost of Living

#### A FEW FACTS

**SHOES** that cost \$3.00 a pair in 1896 now cost \$4.00 and \$5.00 because materials have gone up 52 per cent. Trust controlled, tariff protected sole leather has gone up over 170 per cent.

**BEEFSTEAK** that cost 16c per pound in 1896 now costs 24 cents. Why? Increase in population outstripped increase in supply. Tariff protects the Beef Trust. American cattlemen get less, American consumer pays more.

**SUITS OF CLOTHES** that cost \$25.00 in 1896, cost \$35.00 to-day. Tariff bars foreign wools.

**SUNLIGHT** is free but the glass in your window, that cost 75 cents in 1896, costs \$1.88 to-day, thanks to protection.

Your house costs you 40 per cent more to build to-day than it did twelve years ago, because tariff allows this extortion.

**You pay 48 per cent more to live under Republican Government, because of the tariff that enriches the few.**

# VOTE FOR BRYAN and KERN AND LOWER LIVING EXPENSES

appealed to, and not their stomachs, to decide the questions that so vitally affect our welfare? God forbid that there shall ever come a time in the affairs of our beloved country when the right of the workmen to earn a livelihood will depend upon their casting their ballot for any particular man or party. Such shackles of slavery must be forever removed.

There is grave danger in the cry of "full stomachs" if this man is elected and empty ones if the other man is given power. Those who would coerce, intimidate and enslave the workman by such a process should be silenced, once and forever, on such damnable propositions. In this twentieth century intelligence must settle all affairs of state. Nothing else. It is certainly true that there have been thousands of empty stomachs among the men of our craft and of all other crafts during the past year of de-

dictates, regardless of the unworthy and contemptible threats of any employer or soulless corporation. If the right to vote according to one's own conscience means a further punishment at the hands of capitalistic interests, then we are willing to suffer still further in order that individual liberty shall live.—Bricklayer and Mason.

two opinions about the pitiful weakness of the whole thing. Think of William H. Taft, the judicial father of "government by injunction," the advocate of abolition of jury trial in labor cases, and the chosen candidate of Van Cleave's labor union "busters"—think of this man campaigning the organized centers of Ohio to beg workmen's votes for him on the ground

## GOMPERS HANDS IT TO TEDDY

### Sam Proves He is a Dismal Failure as a Calamity Howler.

In 1906 when labor made an effort to secure the defeat of Congressman Littlefield in the Second congressional district of Maine, President Roosevelt wrote a letter saying that the severance of Mr. Littlefield's services from congress would prove a calamity to the country. Now that Mr. Littlefield will no longer be in congress, is it unfair to infer that the calamity is impending, since the country will be deprived of his valuable (?) services to that body?

Wonder how many "calamities" our people will have to endure because some congressmen hostile to the rights and interests of the masses will be told by their constituents to "stay at home"?—Samuel Gompers in American Federationist.

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