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The question of a Labor Day celebration appeals to every side of the man who toils. The first object in view in the setting aside of a day that should be called "Labor Day" was that the workingmen of this country would have a day which they could call their very own in a most particular sense.

It was intended that he should, with his family and friends, gather with his fellows and their families and friends and forget for the moment the trials of his daily existence. The enjoyment of the occasion was to take the form of celebrations of this sort at some suitable and accessible place.

On the other hand, Labor Day was set aside that some recognition would be given to the great work which the laborer performs for his city, his country and himself. Every other great act of history and of our times is fittingly commemorated by a holiday of some sort, and it was recognized that the great and glorious task of daily toil should not go by unnoticed.

The state took this much notice of the fact that labor really existed and set aside this day as desired by the organized workers. On our own behalf we should at least do as much.

There is no reason why all organized workingmen should not get together on this particular day and take account of their standing. It will be found, we are sure, that there is plenty to do at this time in the way of keeping alive the organizations of which they are members. Especially is this true of the larger and more powerful unions. The bigger they are the more attention they attract and the more satisfaction there would be to smash them.

Employers are not overlooking a bet along this line, and if any union, no matter how powerful, believes that any employer or set of employers is going to allow them to exist out of some philanthropic or economical motive, they are doomed to wake up some fine morning and discover that they are besieged by some powerful combination of employers.

There are fair employers as well as unfair ones, but the latter greatly predominate, and the old story about the leaven in the bread still holds good. This brings us to the really pertinent significance of the day.

If we should celebrate, we should also be united in the celebration. Why should this or that organization stand aloof in this matter? Is it not the concern of all, for the moment any union, however independent it may have been, finds itself in trouble, the first and instinctive act is to appeal to the brother unionists they have heretofore disregarded.

This is the lesson of Labor Day. Do not get together only when your selfish interest is involved, but stay together at all times and do your share in helping the ones to whom you yourself will appeal if you get into trouble. If we can learn this lesson, Labor Day will have attained its end and will justify its existence.—Baltimore Leader.

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Gentlemen: At a regular meeting of Des Moines Typographical Union No. 118, held June 27, 1909, the following resolution was adopted:

Whereas, We are reliably informed that the Great Western Accident Association of Des Moines, Iowa, on April 1, 1909, adopted the use of the Union Label on their printed matter, including their monthly paper, "The Oak Leaf," their insurance policies, calendars and advertising literature, and was the first insurance company in the United States to take such action; and whereas said action affects the members of our craft to the extent of from \$5,000 to \$10,000 per annum, and will in due course of time force their competitors to do likewise; therefore, be it resolved that we recognize the said company as the pioneer company to adopt the Union Label and for that reason we will not only give them our patronage when taking accident insurance ourselves, but will urge all union men to do likewise; and be it further resolved that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of our regular meeting, June 27, 1909, and a copy be sent to the President of the Great Western Accident Association.

Attest: W. D. FERREE.

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