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A MINISTERIAL ADVOCATE.

Rev. Mr. Mailley of Havelock Addresses Union Workers.

A week ago last Sunday evening, Rev. Mr. Mailley, pastor of the Christian church at Havelock, addressed the union workers of that city, the meetings being held at the church. About 300 of Havelock's workers were present, and they were privileged to hear an address on the "Principles of Unionism" that was as interesting as it was argumentative and instructive. "It was the best union talk ever delivered in this city," said one of the enthusiastic union men who heard it.

An effort will be made to have Rev. Mr. Mailley officiate as the speaker at one of the series of "Temple Talks" in Lincoln. He is a man from the ranks of toil, and from personal experience and observation knows more than the average minister of the hopes and aspirations of the unionists of the country. He is in full sympathy with the principles of trades unionism, and is ready at all times to speak in advocacy of the great labor movement in America. The union workers of Havelock are to be congratulated upon having such an able champion among them.

GOMPERS OPPOSES PROHIBITION.

News Surprises Nobody But Some of the Prohibition Leaders.

The announcement of Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, is opposed to prohibition seems to have been a great surprise to the leaders of the Anti-Saloon League of America. This proves nothing save that the anti-saloon leaders are not very well informed on other lines than their own special work. Every union man in the country knew that Gompers is an anti-prohibitionist. But in making an announcement of his position on the prohibition question Gompers no more voiced the sentiments of union men as a whole than he would if he spoke his mind concerning baptism or foreordination.

President Gompers has a right to hold his own opinions on that question of course, but the fact remains, whether President Gompers is or is not a probationer, that during the past five years there has been a tremendous change of sentiment in the ranks of unionism on this liquor question. It is no longer possible to get an anti-prohibition resolution through a union meeting without a fight. Some of the foremost union workers in every locality are opposed to the legalized liquor traffic. And there are union men everywhere who, while opposed to prohibition, are advocating total abstinence and opposed to legalizing the saloon. But to be surprised at Gompers' announcement merely indicates the up-to-dateness of the gentlemen in Chicago who sought to have him make some prohibition speeches in that city.

FULTON STOCK COMPANY.

The Fulton Stock Co., which has been playing at Fort Smith, Ark., for the past five months, has gone to Little Rock for a seven weeks' engagement. The Union Sentinel of Fort Smith pays the company a high compliment, showing that the Fultons have "made good" down there, just as they did in Lincoln. The Lincoln friends of Mr. and Mrs. Fulton will rejoice to hear that they have made as good an impression in Little Rock as they did in Lincoln and Fort Smith.

CIVIC PRIDE.

The unions of Cedar Rapids, Ia., have civic pride—plenty of it. They have provided the city with a public drinking fountain that is a beauty; an ornament that adds much to the beauty of that progressive city. The building laborers started the idea, and the rest of the unions came through. It gave unionism a big boost in the minds of the people.

NOTHING DOING.

The American Federationist refuses to print the resolutions submitted to the Toronto convention by the International Labor Press Association. All right. The Wageworker's wastebasket is big enough to hold a lot more high-sounding editorial utterances sent out from Washington as "advance sheets." Also a lot of "please publish" matter from the same source. Nothing doing at this end of the line, Messrs. Executive Council.

THE HOOKWORM DISEASE.

Jerome Jones Says It's a Scheme to Disguise Child Labor.

The Atlanta Journal of Labor, in discussing the "hookworm" of that section, shows it is simply a medical term invented by protectors of child labor to conceal the natural effect of long hours. Several prominent southern trades unionists say that the "hookworm" is another name for overwork and that it's best cure is abolishment of child labor and the establishment of a shorter work day. Editor Jones of the Journal of Labor declares that "hookworm" symptoms are found in the cotton mills of Massachusetts, as well as the south land, and scoffs at

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those doctors ever ready to find excuses to perpetuate this blight on our national life and block the growing anti-child labor movement south of the Mason and Dixon line.

The Sunday afternoon meetings of the Lincoln Economic Educational League are growing in interest. Mr. Wright has an unusually good grasp of the "class struggle" and his lectures are especially appreciated by working men and women. His lecture for next Sunday, March 13th, will be on the subject "Beneath the Under Dog." Professor Franta will again have charge of the music. Professor Franta and Miss Smith have been pleasing the League audiences with some very beautiful and classical music. At A. O. U. W. hall, 1007 O street, 3 p. m., Sunday, March 13th. Admission free.

HOW "PROTECTION" WORKS.

But Suckers Still Bite at the Bait of the Tariff Grafters.

Swan Larson, a South Omaha councilman, bought a Singer sewing machine for his sister, while visiting in Sweden, Europe, for 60 marks (less than \$15 our money). The machine was made in the United States. It would cost him \$48 for the same machine in Omaha. Well!—Western Laborer.

Now this same Swan Larson could have purchased Pillsbury-Washburn flour (non-union) for less money than he could in the United States, and if Swan was real thrifty and needed a shovel to dig fishworms, he could also have bought a shovel made in Ohio, cheaper than he could right here next door to the factory. And then if Swan wasn't satisfied, he could have hitched himself to a trust-made harvesting machine and saved his passage money back to the United States of North America. Swan was a wise one, for he showed his good sense by making Omaha his political bailiwick. That is a city which recognizes thrift, stamina and meat trusts.—Cincinnati Chronicle.

O, this "protecting the American worker" is a great stunt! The editor of The Wageworker has an open-faced Elgin watch—a present to him from one of the biggest men in America, or the world, for that matter. This watch was made at Elgin, Ill., shipped to England, purchased there by the agent of an American independent watch dealer, re-shipped to the United States and entered duty free under a peculiar

clause in the tariff law, and sold at a profit for the sum of \$9. The same watch bought of an American dealer would cost \$21. Why? Watch trust! The typewriting machine upon which this tariff fact is written cost \$100. It can be bought in London for \$60, and the firm that made it pays the freight from New York to London, too.

The poorest paid workers in the United States are the textile mill operatives, and the highest protected industry in this republic, next to the iron industry, is that of woolen and cotton manufactures.

Yet the victims of this sort of graft are the ones who furnish the most votes to keep it going.

CONVENTIONS OF 1910.

Where the Big Meetings Will Be Held This Year.

April 4, St. Paul, Minn., International Association of Fur Workers.

April 18-23, New Orleans, La., Brotherhood of Railway Clerks.

May 2, Philadelphia, Pa., Chartered Society of Amalgamated Lace Operatives of America.

May 9, Louisville, Ky., Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of North America.

May —, Cincinnati, Ohio, Tin Plate Workers' International Protective Association.

May 11, Cincinnati, Ohio, American Federation of Musicians.

May 23, Buffalo, N. Y., National Print Cutters' Association of America.

June 6, Chicago, Ill., International Association of Marble Workers.

June 13, St. Louis, Mo., International Brotherhood of Boiler-makers, Iron Ship Builders and Helpers.

June 13, place not selected, International Ceramic, Mosaic and Encaustic Tile Layers and Helpers' Union.

June 13-19, Omaha, Neb., International Stereotypers and Electrotypers' Union of North America.

June 13, New York, N. Y., International Brotherhood of Tip Printers.

June 13, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, International Brotherhood of Bookbinders.

June, third week, Columbus, Ohio, International Printing Pressmen and Assistants' Union of North America.

June 27, St. Louis, Mo., International Union of Pavers, Rammermen, Flaggers, Bridge and Stone Curb Setters.

June —, Kansas City, Mo., International Journeymen Horseshoers' Union.

July 4, not decided as to place, Amalgamated Leather Workers' Union of America.

July 11, New York, N. Y., International Longshoremen's Association.

July 11, Pittsburg, Pa., International Jewelry Workers' Union of America.

July 11, Atlantic City, N. J., Glass Bottle Blowers' Association of the United States and Canada.

July 11, Washington, D. C., Theatrical Stage Employes' International Alliance.

July 12, Dover, N. J., Stove Mounters and Steel Range Workers' International Union.

July 15, Springfield, Mass., American Wire Weavers' Protective Association.

July 18, Ottawa, Ont., International Steel and Copper Plate Printers' Union.

July —, Atlantic City, N. J., National Brotherhood of Operative Pottery.

August 1, Peoria, Ill., International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

August 3, Minneapolis, Minn., International Typographical Union.

August 22, Detroit, Mich., United Garment Workers of America.

September 5-6-7, Chicago, Ill., National Federation of Postoffice Clerks.

September 5, Chicago, Ill., International Slate and Tile Roofers of America.

September 5, Boston, Mass., International Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employes.

September 6-10, Louisville, Ky., International Photo-Engravers, Union of North America.

September 6, Bangor, Pa., International Union of Slate Workers.

September 8, Boston, Mass., International Spinners' Union.

September 12, Kansas City, Kan., Coopers' International Union.

September 12, Denver, Colo., International Union of Steam Engineers.

September 12, Chicago, Ill., International Union of United Brewery Workmen of America.

September 12, Philadelphia, Pa., International Union of Elevator Constructors.

September 12, Streator, Ill., International Brick, Tile and Terra Cotta Workers' Alliance.

September 13, New York, N. Y., American Brotherhood of Cement Workers.

September 19, Des Moines, Iowa, United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America.

September 19, Rochester, N. Y., International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers.

September 21, St. Paul, Minn., Brotherhood of Railroad Freight Handlers.

September 26, Columbus, Ohio, Operative Plasterers' International Association of the United States and Canada.