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OPEN EVENINGS

GENERAL MENTION.

Bits of Labor News Picked and Pifered From Many Sources.

Bert Pentzer went up to his "Kinkald ranch" the first of the week, to see if it had come out properly from its blanket of snow.

The Allied Printing Trades Council will soon pass some new labels around among the print shops.

W. M. Maupin was in Des Moines Monday and Tuesday, looking after some matters tending to further the work of the Nebraska Bureau of Labor.

The front of the Labor Temple has been painted and it now looks a thousand per cent better than neighboring buildings. Let them be treated likewise.

Business must be picking up with the cigarmakers; a request for four strippers was posted on the Temple bulletin board the first of the week.

William H. Gilmore, the Burlington engineer killed in a wreck just east of Nebraska City last Sunday is credited in the daily papers with having the "honor" of pulling the first passenger train out of Lincoln after the inauguration of the big strike in '86.

Next week The Wagerworker will publish an interesting communication from a Lincoln pressman concerning civic matters. It should be read by every union man who is a taxpayer.

The Iowa State Federation of Labor meets at Waterloo in June.

Manager Jim Sullivan of the "Antelopes" has arrived, and already the boys are cvoarting around in their old baseball uniforms. The season can't open any too soon for a lot of us, and here's hoping that a "rag" will fly from a pole at the ball park when the season closes.

Carpenters in Utica, N. Y., have been granted a Saturday half holiday. Cloakmakers in Montreal, Canada, have struck for better conditions.

All flour mills in Evansville and Boonville, Ind., will use union coopeage hereafter.

Machine men employed in planing mills in Springfield, Ill., have been granted an increase.

Sheet Metal Workers' union in Indianapolis, Ind., has decided to establish a night school for apprentices.

Increase of 10 per cent in salaries has been granted by the Western Maryland railroad to its more than 300 telegraphers.

Chicago & Alton officials have granted passenger attaches \$4 monthly increase and freight men many changes in conditions.

An increase in membership of 300 per cent inside of a month. That's the record of the Carpenters' union in Lincoln, Neb.

The Seaboard Air Line railway has granted skilled shop men an increase of 2 1-2 cents an hour. Three thousand men are affected by the increase.

Will the Hatters' union, with its quarter of a million fine for violating the anti-trust law, get off as easily as did the Standard Oil trust with its \$20,000,000 fine?

The Weekly Bulletin of the Clothing Trades, the United Garment Workers' official organ, has come out in favor of organizing a labor party along British lines.

Trouble at the Greenbut Cloak company, Cleveland, has been adjusted. The concern conceded an increase of 15 per cent in wages and recognizes the union.

The wage dispute between the Switchmen's Union of North America and eight railroad companies will begin next Friday in Chicago. More than 5,000 men are involved.

The Anheuser-Busch Brewing association in St. Louis, Mo., announces that funds for the benefit of the 6,000 employees, which will represent a yearly outlay of \$75,000, has been established.

Plumbers, stone cutters, electrical workers, bricklayers, paper hangers, printers, clerks, musicians, railway trainmen and pressmen in Evansville, Ind., report outlook encouraging for 1910.

Boston branch of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers has given notice that it will co-operate with Boston lodge of machinists in its organizing work and its demand for a 20 per cent increase in wages on May 1.

Five members of the Coopers' union in East Liverpool, O., who belonged to the Holy Rollers, declined to pay dues to the union, claiming that their religion would not permit of their belonging to any other organization, are now at liberty to seek other jobs.

Frank Driscoll, a plumber, who instituted suit against the Allis-Chalmers company in Milwaukee for \$25,000 damages for injuries, resulting in partial paralysis of his body on January 31, 1908, was awarded a verdict of \$20,000 last week.

Eighty bricklayers quit work at the coke plant of the Steel Trust in South Chicago, because the Steel company persisted in hiring scab laborers. The Steel company has been employing scab labor to as great an extent as possible, only calling in the union men when they were needed.

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FINDING A WAY OUT.

What we need is clear-brained and warm-hearted men who will direct this labor movement unselfishly. Some of those who are outside the trades-union could help us, but they are so interested in statistics, that they haven't quite gotten hold of the big human side of the question. The beautiful schemes that look so well in books and magazines, and that sound so fine when they are presented from the lecture platform, go all to pieces when applied to flesh and blood men, because they leave out altogether the element of human nature.

It's all well enough to tell us what we ought to do during a time of strike, and when we are getting ready to strike. It's a mighty easy proposition to nicely balance the arguments for and against, and subject the whole thing to the test of an elegant system of ethics. But this labor business is no Sunday school picnic, neither is it a matter that can be settled right off the bat. There are too many complications, too many things that don't appear on the surface, and that it's hard to put into so many words, so that the outsider will understand. We need some folks who can explain these matters better than we can do it ourselves, and since it's hard to do this unless you've been in the game, we aren't making the progress that we might. It's one thing to make a study of the workingman's problems from above, even with sympathy and sincerity of purpose. A man may even tramp it, or go into the shop or live in a tenement, but he does it knowing that at any moment he may leave it if he wants to do so. Anyway, he misses a good deal of the joy and happiness of working people, because of their appreciation of many things that come to them, and which pleasure your students knows nothing at all about. But, oh, the hopelessness that comes so often—too often, for most of us. I'd give a good deal if I could forget some of the things that I've passed through. Perhaps I ought to be glad of the experience, because it will help me understand some other fellow who is passing through the same trials, and that's worth something.

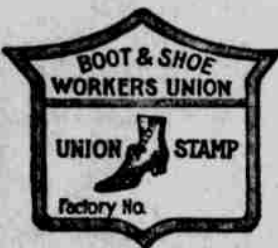
Lots of good people get impatient with us because we don't seem to appreciate what they are doing for us. To be perfectly honest, we'd rather do these things for ourselves, in just the way that we think best. It may not be the best way, but it's our way, and there's a good deal in that. We'll appreciate having them show us how the things may be done, but we want a hand in the doing of them. We'll work with these folks and we'll be glad to have them work with us, but the whole thing must be on the level.

like the big democracy that we all believe in.

I can't help feeling that there are a good many folks who, if they weren't so plagued indifferent or lazy, so confounded comfortable and easy-going, really could mend matters. I wish that I could help wake them up to it. I suppose that it would be hard for the bosses to make the move. There's so much in the way. Business dealings are too mixed up.

But there are some people who can do it, and some of them are bosses, too. They can get busy creating a sentiment in favor of a squarer deal

all around. If I understand the Church, that's a good share of its business. There's nobody that can do more in getting matters set right than the churches, if they will only start in on the job. There are millions of church-members in this country, more folks than there are Socialists and trades-unionists combined, by a good deal, and probably more than there ever will be. It ought not to be very hard to map out a policy for them to follow, if the teachings of Christ are ever to be applied to every-day living. —Rev. Charles Stekler in "Letters from a Workingman."



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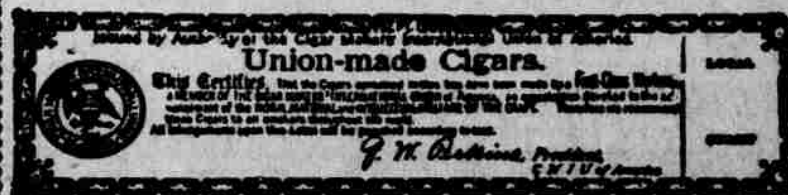
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