

**GENERAL MENTION.**

Scissored From Portland Labor Press By a Lazy News Editor.

The Iowa State Federation of Labor meets June 14.

Catholic societies are prominent in an early closing movement in Toledo, Ohio.

Suburban lines around New York City are raising rates. They need the money.

San Jose has been carried for the third successive city election by the Labor party.

Organized labor has defeated the corporation candidate for sheriff in Birmingham, Alabama.

German courts sustain the right of boycott to a much greater extent than in the United States.

Co-operative farmers stores are systematically boycotted by a combine of wholesale dealers in Iowa.

Federal officials are to investigate the alarming exodus of skilled American farmers and mechanics to Canada.

The fifteen business agents of the unions in Spokane will hereafter have an auto at their disposal. It saves time.

Sugar Trust emissaries have secured 2,000 Russian farmers in Siberia, and practically enslaved them in the Philippines.

Seven of the 42 members of the Municipal Council of Copenhagen are women. They recently received Roosevelt at a banquet.

U. S. paper money is to be made smaller. The amount of necessities smaller, too.

When you buy your new suit see that you get the union label, and show the world that you are a consistent union man.

In New York, dock laborers are systematically robbed of credit for time they work. They are unorganized, and therefore, almost helpless.

In Switzerland the people have voted in a cabinet officer known as the Secretary of Labor. He is nominated by the labor unions, and his appointment follows as a matter of course.

The executive of the labor educational association of Ontario is making arrangements for the holding of mass meetings in various centers throughout the dominion.

In Ohio some of the members of the legislature who fought the employers liability law recently passed have been placed on the political to-boggan slide at the direct primaries.

The United Garment Workers of America have been great sufferers as a result of the prison output of shirts, overalls, trousers and the like, used by workmen in their trade.

The Steel Trust Hell at South Bethlehem, Pa., is to be investigated by a Federal council of the allied Protestant churches. The preachers are a little slow, but they mean well.

Some 400 members of the Journeymen Tailors Union, at Winnipeg, are on strike for a 10 per cent raise on "extra" work. The strike was called as a last resort, after negotiations failed.

The American Federation of Labor is now busy gathering statistics regarding affiliated local unions, particularly in regard to the wages paid and hours worked in different sections of the country.

The American Federation of Labor is sending to the central bodies and the various state federations an interesting book giving an account of the work of the special committee on industrial education.

The State Federation of Labor of Texas has decided by a large majority vote that hereafter all officers of the federation are to be elected by secret ballot, and in that way all politics may be eliminated.

Milwaukee city authorities propose to build model municipal dwelling houses to take the place of the slums. The money will come from the savings in the hundreds of little and big grafts being unearthed.

A newspaper man in New York reports that the Y. M. C. A. free employment bureau is almost as bad as a "pluckme" employment graft shop. One dollar down and two-thirds the first week's wages is demanded.

By vote taken recently the members of the Moyle Miners Union expressed themselves as being in favor of amalgamating with the United Mine Workers of America, and thus becoming affiliated with the American Federation of Labor.

It is up to organized labor to look into the boast of the United Cigar Stores Company that it is selling more cigars than ever before. It does not handle any union products whatever; so its prosperity must be founded on unfair labor conditions.

Norway has recently granted full suffrage to women. One election has been held in which most women could vote subject to a property or income tax, but after this there will be almost, if not quite, universal suffrage. Right here, let it be noted that nobody doubts but what that nation will

continue to produce the sturdy, industrious, able offspring it always has.

The young man who told his best girl that she was the apple of his eye doubtless meant that she was a "seek-no-further".

The charterer hat proves that not only most city folks look to the farmyard for their living, but also for their styles.

Patronize those who patronize you. Deal with the advertisers in your labor paper. They want you. Show your appreciation.

Some men would almost as leave go to church on Sunday as stay home and read the funny pages of the papers to the children.

The Medical Record is authority for the statement that the adulteration of food is carried on to such an extent as to threaten the extinction of the race in a few decades.

Always stand up for the right, but do not wear yourself out with worry because you cannot turn the world and make it over in a day.

If you do not perform your part of the obligation which you have taken, how is it possible that you should expect the association to do theirs?

Many a woman as sharp as a brier at the bargain counter has been obliged to confess that she was fooled in the selection of a husband.

T. L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, has issued a statement in which he declares that the men have \$5,000,000 for a strike fund.

This country could, no doubt, be run a great deal better if it wasn't for the constitutional objection an American has to letting any one run him.

A lawyer wants \$35,000 for advising a client to marry a man who lived only a week. Think what the lawyer would have charged had the husband lived a year!

The British possessions in New Guinea have large areas of hardwood forests. The government sells no land, about five cents per acre a year, plus 60 cents to \$1.75 per thousand feet for the lumber cut.

Toronto carpenters have turned down an offer made by the builders exchange to set the rate of wages at 35 cents per hour. The brotherhood and amalgamated men are working together in an effort to secure 40 cents an hour as the minimum rate.

Russian laborers in Hawaii are not docile enough and they have very bad habits. The plantation bosses find that they will fight and steal, rather than work 14 hours a day in the cane fields and mills. Isn't it awful what a time the plantations have to get slave labor.

The city authorities under the new city government of Milwaukee propose to get after the street-car combine with ordinances enforcing better service.

Graft and fraud in the state lands does not encourage the movement to secure the forest reserves of the Federal government by the states for conservation and settlement. What a grafting school of land speculators will start up if Congress puts it through!

In the Idaho primary law is a provision for the expression of both first and second choice for governor (and probably for other officers). This will enable the rank and file to almost certainly name their choice and bring out a strong vote, for every vote will count. We must have the preferential vote in Nebraska.

The father of the referendum is unknown, but the modern form of it first found expression in the province of St. Gallen, in Switzerland, in 1830. From there it spread through Switzerland. In some forms it was operative in the sixteenth century. In New England it was in operation in the very beginning of the settlements.

In West Virginia the awful explosion in the Stuart mine last year, in which 90 men and boys were killed, was caused by the most gross violations of the laws of every kind regulating mines, but the courts have decided that no damages can be collected because the men knew of the danger, and because the explosion was an act of Providence.

Court proceedings in San Francisco disclose a fish trust that doubles the price of fish, a potato trust that doubles the price of spuds, and so on.

The strike situation between the British Columbia Copper Company and its employees has been practically settled. The Mother Lode and Oro Denoro mines are idle and the smelter is cold, only about 20 men being employed cleaning up and making repairs.

Mine workers to the number of 40,000 in the United Mine Workers of America, a branch of the A. F. of L., are demanding that the general government establish mine rescue and experiment stations in the coal mining centres. This will help some, but a good, stiff liability law in each state will help on the good work still more. The slaughter of miners is because it pays the companies to kill them.

**CONSERVING HUMAN LIFE.**

**Some Startling Facts Brought Out at a Great Church Meeting.**

It is estimated that 10,000 people attended the great Labor Mass Meeting conducted under the auspices of the Presbyterian Department of Church and Labor in Atlantic City during the last week in May, while the National Convention of the Presbyterian church was in session. This was the Fifth Annual Labor Meeting of the Department, and each time the Labor Meeting has been the most largely attended of any held during the two weeks session of the National Convention. Heartily co-operating with the Labor Department was the Central Labor Union of Atlantic City, which appointed a strong committee to arouse an interest in the undertaking. While organized labor is not very strong in this town, fully 2,000 trades unionists turned out, their leaders taking seats upon the platform.

The meeting was presided over by Congressman William S. Bennett of New York, who is a member of the committee directing the general work of the Labor Department of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Bennett made a strong plea for the conservation of human life, stating that the boys with whom he played baseball in his native town, only two were now alive, the remainder of them having been killed as railroad men. The Rev. Warren H. Wilson, Ph. D., the assistant Superintendent of the labor department, spoke on the "Conservation of Country Life" and the Rev. Charles Stelzle, superintendent of the Department, addressed the convention on "Conservation of Industrial Life." He said in part, "When 30,000 industrial workers are killed every year, something is wrong in our industrial system. In some cases it is nothing short of murder. It is said there are nearly always 3,000,000 persons in this country who are sick, and the pity of it is that most of this illness is preventable. It was once believed that human mortality followed an inexorable law. Facts, however, show that mortality varies in different places and decreases as better hygienic conditions prevail.

"The length of life in Sweden and Denmark is fifty years; in the United States and England about 40 to 45; in India less than 25. The death rate among the poor exceeds that among the rich by about 100 per cent. Infant mortality among the poor is about three times as great as it is among the wealthy.

"The present working day from a physiological standpoint is too long. It keeps the majority of men and women in a constant state of over-fatigue, and induces the craving of means for deadening fatigue and induces drunkenness and other excesses.

"The real justification for a shorter working day is found in the interest of the race. It is the business of the church to remedy this situation. We should talk less about building up the church and more about building up the people. The church is simply a means to an end and not end in itself.

"The Protestant churches of America have a membership of 18,000,000, with a constituency of 40,000. It is the most powerful agency in America today for the solution of the social problem. If the social problem of America is not solved, God and man may hold the church responsible."

**WE ALL GET IT.**

The Labor Leader of Chattanooga, Tenn., is having its troubles because a few union men have seen fit to criticize its policy. Cheer up, Rogers; there was never a good labor paper such as the Leader that did not have a few enemies, and they are usually those fellows so warped politically that they can't see beyond the end of their noses.—Oklahoma Labor Unit.

**RICKLAYERS' BALL TEAM.**

The Bricklayers' ball team has just scored its six successive victory, and next Sunday will go to Malcolm to play the strong amateur team of that village. It expects to come with its seventh scalp. The Bricklayers are willing to go against any team made up of union men in Lincoln or Havelock, and will not turn down challenges from any amateur team in this neck o' the woods.

**NEEDED IN EVERY STATE.**

The so-called "strike ad." law is now operative in Massachusetts. The bill was introduced by Representative Morrill, a Socialist, and provides that it shall be obligatory for an employer or his agent who advertises in any manner for workers, to state the existence of a strike, lock-out, or other labor disturbances.

**Rudge & Guenzel Co.**  
**Savings in Beds and Bedding**

We have recently completed and received for sale this week, several remarkable purchases of beds, springs and mattresses. We believe the prices quoted are considerably less than we have ever before offered on goods of this staple quality. Savings are offered that should interest housekeepers, hotels, and rooming houses.

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| \$3.50 Woven Wire Springs, full size, supported by steel helicals and patent link fabric, for full size iron beds. This week .....\$1.50 | \$2.50 White Iron Beds, full size, curved top, head and foot board, complete with rails and casters .....\$1.29  |
| \$3.50 Springs as illustrated above, with rust spots or imperfections. Known as seconds. Your choice this week, at each ..... 75c        | \$5.00 White Enamel Iron Beds, full size, 4 1-2 feet high, brass knobs and brass top rail. This week .....\$3.50 |
| \$1.50 Springs, close woven wire, extra corded fabric, full size iron beds. This week, each ..... 90c                                    | \$6.00 Roman Gold Beds, as above, this week .....\$4.50  |
| \$1.50 Springs, as above, with rusted fabrics priced to close, at each ..... 50c   | \$5.00 Roman Gold Beds, brass mounted, now .....\$3.75   |
| \$10.00 extra heavy Roman Gold Beds, this week .....\$6.85   | \$6.00 Extra heavy, full size beds, this week .....\$4.75  |
| \$11.50 Sample White Beds, this week .....\$9.20   | \$13.50 Sample Black Beds, this week .....\$10.00  |
|  | \$18.50 Sample Gold Beds, this week .....\$14.00   |
|  | \$17.50 Sample Gold Beds, this week .....\$14.00   |
|  | \$21.50 Wood Finished Iron Beds, this week .....\$17.50  |

**Felt Mattresses at \$5.25**

40 FULL SIZE GENUINE BLOWN, ONE-PIECE COTTON FELT MATTRESSES, weight 45 pounds, genuine unbleached natural gray felt, covered in Fancy Art Tick, blue in color. Sells in most stores at \$8.00, this lot only .....\$5.25

**60 Bolster Rolls in full or 3/4 Size at 1.25**

Made hollow to hold the pillows, extra light, very strong and covered in cambric, 60 special values, at each ..... 1.25

**Sixty Patterns in Refrigerators**

No wonder selection is made easy and satisfactory, considering the many patterns of Refrigerators we show and the extensive price range.

THE HERRICK—Made with solid oak exterior, with 1 3-8-inch mineral wood insulation—the best insulating material known.

WHITE ENAMEL REFRIGERATORS—All metal inside and out, with glass shelves and separate vegetable compartments.

THE LEONARD—In Ash, Oak or Red Gum Satin Walnut finish, with plain galvanized zinc, enameled or pure porcelain linings.

NEW COMBINATION REFRIGERATORS and KITCHEN CABINETS, in the Satin Walnut finish.

Undoubtedly the largest showing of refrigerators ever made by this store now awaits your inspection, priced from—

**\$105.00 to \$7.50**

**Popular Gas and Gasoline Stoves**

Just as interesting as our Refrigerator showing, will be found our large display of Gas and Gasoline Stoves.

In Gasoline Stoves we carry the famous QUICK MEAL make in New Process Vapor Burners, New Style Giant Burners and the regular style. Sizes and patterns are shown in a great variety. The price range on Gasoline Stoves will be found extremely varied, ranging from \$36.00 down to .....\$4.50

IN GAS STOVES we carry a complete line of patterns, featuring especially the Short Cabinet GARLAND GAS RANGE, which takes up 15 inches less space and is the same size stove as other makes. In regular and High Oven Cabinet in QUICK MEAL Gas Ranges, our stock is extremely varied.

Prices range from, each, \$37.50 down to \$11.50

WE INVITE YOUR INSPECTION

**TWO VALIANT WOMEN.**

**Give Lincoln Unionists Pointers on Playing the Union Game.**

For several days this week Lincoln has been honored by the presence of two young women from St. Louis who came here in the interests of the locked-out garment workers of that city.

Miss Fannie Sellin, president of the St. Louis local, and Miss Kate Hurley, are the two young women mentioned, and they came here to put a spoke or two in the wheels of the Marx-Haas Co. which locked out the union garment workers eight months ago. As a result of their visit there is not a store in Lincoln handling the output of that "scab" concern. The young women went about the work in a businesslike way, and they made a splendid impression everywhere they visited. They addressed several local meetings at the Labor Temple and told an interesting story of the great fight that the garment workers have been waging in St. Louis. One of the most interesting incidents related was that concerning the political fight the garment workers put up against a "scab" who had the temerity to run for alderman. This fellow was once a member of the union, but deserted to return to the struck factory at a high wage. Later he became a candidate for the city council. On the morning of election day Misses Sellin and Hurley went into the "scab's" ward with banners and literature, and they spent the day working against

him. In the middle of the afternoon he tried to bribe them to stop their fight by promising to come back into the union and quitting his "scab" job.

"We'd rather have you out of the union than in, you traitor!" exclaimed Miss Sellin. "And you'll neither get back into the union nor into the city council."

And she was right. He is not back in the union. Nor is he in the council. He was defeated by twenty-seven votes, although his party candidates were all given a substantial majority in the ward.

The two young ladies are travelling all over the country in the interests of their locked-out comrades, and they are doing effective work wherever they go. Their visit to Lincoln has been an inspiration to the unionists of this city.

**THE CARPENTERS.**

**Win Handily in Their Little Bout With Capital Beach.**

It did not take long for the Carpenters to win out in their little difference with the management of Capital Beach. They went to it and didn't back track for a minute. As a result of the special meeting of the Central Labor Union last week, the Beach management saw a great light and immediately capitulated. As a result of a conference brought about by the special meeting the Beach management signed up with Carpenters' Union No. 1055, and in consequence the job was unionized.

Business Agent Eissler is on the job day and night, and the local is feeling the effects of his good work.

A full attendance is desired at the meeting next Monday night, as it will be the occasion of the semi-annual election of officers.

The annual convention of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, will meet in Des Moines next September, and of course No. 1055 ought to be represented by a full quota of delegates. The Des Moines local is going the limit to make the convention a success. By the way, the carpenters cut ice in Iowa. Senator Cummins is a member of the Des Moines local, and so is Labor Commissioner Van Duhn. The membership of the Des Moines local is over 1,000.

New members continue to be taken in by No. 1055 every Monday night. The membership is now practically 300, with enough applications on file to push it past that number.

**LEATHERWORKERS STILL FIRM.**

The Leatherworkers are still "sticking." Only one desertion from the ranks is reported. The strikers meet regularly and keep up a cheerful front. A number have secured work in other lines, and still others have left the city and secured work elsewhere. Those who remain are firm in the faith and expect to stick until they win.