

#### THE MACHINISTS.

##### Missouri Pacific System Embroiled in Big Trouble Now.

The Machinists on the Missouri Pacific system went out on strike the first of last week, and have been making it warm for the management ever since. At first the managers were quite sure they would never again do business with the machinists' union but they have since changed their minds about it. Boilermakers and blacksmiths on the system walked out with the machinists, and as a result in all the Missouri Pacific shops work was suspended. Several car loads of strikebreakers were secured from Chicago, but they couldn't turn the trick. The first of the present week the managers of the system concluded to seek a conference. At the time of going to press a settlement seems n easy each, about the only point unsettled being one concerning foremen who went out with the strikers.

#### GENERAL MENTION.

##### Brief Bits of Labor News Picked From Main Sources.

Wages in Brazil and Chile averages 80 cents a day.

Spokane printing trades are in a new allied trades council.

The Canadian Pacific railway employs hands to the number of 76,000. Ninety per cent of the strikes of the Carpenters were successful last year.

Every man engaged in hauling coal in Boston belongs to the union.

Europe is far ahead of the United States in providing pensions for civil employees.

Chicago, Ill., Typographical union has voted \$500 for the striking coal miners of Illinois.

It is said that the Chinese make 75 to 80 per cent of the blue flannel shirts in San Francisco.

Among the trades unionists about 20 per cent are unemployed, even during prosperous years.

The pay roll of Krupps in May last numbered 68,905 men, an increase of about 5000 in two years.

Owning their own railroads, several Australian states propose to establish steamer lines to Europe.

Government owned and operated telephone lines are being reconstructed and extended in British Columbia.

The San Francisco Labor Council is organizing a union label league for the purpose of increasing the demand for the union label.

By order of the prime minister of Australia, all public exhibits of trophies and instruments of war are packed away out of sight.

Columbus O., street car men are "whoopin' her up" for the Socialists because of the union of the two old parties there against labor.

With automobiles geared to hit the road at 140 miles an hour, and doing it for a few miles, the sixty mile auto crank begins to feel like a has been.

The National Sailors and Firemen's Union of New England complains that the ship owners refuse to agree to the establishment of a conciliation board.

Brand Whitlock, mayor of Toledo, Ohio, has ordered the instant dismissal

of any policeman interfering with any public meeting of any kind.

A recent election in Germany to fill a vacated seat in the reichstag was won by a Socialist, who was elected on the issue of the divine right of kings.

From 1885 to 1907 Germany paid in old age pensions and sick and accident benefits three hundred and sixty million dollars. In pensions to working people Germany leads the world.

New York City has just completed a million dollar armory, but it has 3,000 children unable to go to school for want of buildings called school houses. New York is civilized, too.

The fighters of unions in New York have fled to Connecticut and hope there to rally round the flag of lower wages, slave labor and child killing. The courts are helping them in the Nutmeg state.

Printers in Calcutta, India, recently went on strike in the government offices and paralyzed the departments, after which a few old mossbacks and dignitaries had to grant the demands and remedy abuses of long standing.

#### A CLOSE CALL.

##### President Coffey of the State Federation Very Ill.

President Frank Coffey of the Nebraska State Federation of Labor is able to be up and about after an illness that came very near to sending him on the long trip. Many years ago Mr. Coffey suffered an injury to one of his legs and a couple of weeks ago he was compelled to go to a local hospital and undergo an operation. The operation itself was a slight one and wholly successful, but while in the hospital he caught cold and resulting complications came near proving fatal. However his splendid vitality stood him in good stead and he pulled through. He is now able to be around again but he shows very plainly the effects of his severe illness.

Mr. Coffey hopes to be able to attend the American Federation of Labor convention at St. Louis next month and discharge his duties as a delegate representing the Lincoln Central Labor Union.

#### TEMPLE DIRECTORS.

##### Success in Sight If Unions Will Now Come Across.

Will the local unions of Lincoln and Havecock come across to the extent of \$3,000 within the next three or four months for the purpose of lifting the debt on the Labor Temple?

That is the question right now.

If they will the directors see a clear way to putting the Labor Temple in the clear and forever clinching its ownership by the unionists of the city. But the unions must do their duty, and do it immediately.

The directors met last Monday night and received a most encouraging report from the hustling committee. A committee was appointed to visit every local union and ask for subscriptions to the stock, not from individuals, although individual subscriptions are desired, but from the unions as bodies. This committee will get busy at once and local unions are urgently requested to give it a hearing. The committee

will submit to each union a detailed statement of receipts and expenses, showing just where the Temple Association stands and just what it has to offer to investors.

#### PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL.

##### Head of Local Unions Perfecting Organization for Good Work.

The presidents of the various unions of Lincoln are perfecting an organization to be known as the President's Council the object being to get into closer touch and be better able to intelligently handle the numerous questions that are constantly arising. The council will follow the lines laid down by similar councils in other cities, and which have proved of good service to the cause. Several preliminary meetings have already been held and it is hoped that the council will be in active operation in the very near future.

#### THE PRINTERS.

##### Turn Down the Salary Garb and the Flat Rate System.

Lincoln Typographical Union No. 209 would have none of the proposed amendments to the general laws submitted to the referendum. The salary garb proposition met with special disfavor. Seventy-three votes were cast on the salary proposition, sixty of them against it.

The proposed flat rate of imposing dues was defeated by a vote of 54 to 20, and the amendment relieving the home trustee from attending more than one meeting a year was defeated by a vote of 46 to 27.

Due note should be taken of the fact that the program of both the Orpheum and the Lyric are minus the label. Manager Gorman of the Lyric promised early last spring that he would see to it that a label clause was inserted in the program contract for this season. His memory, however, seems to have sprung a leak.

The Claflin printery at University Place is now busy getting out five or six of the biennial reports of the various state departments.

This means plenty of work in a shop that is absolutely fair.

Billy Bustard is now operating a "Merg" on the St. Joseph Daily News-Press.

#### THE MUSICIANS.

The Musicians' Protective Union will meet at the Labor Temple Sunday morning, November 6 at 11 o'clock. There is a vast amount of business of the utmost importance to be transacted, and every member who possibly can should make it a point to attend. The winter season is practically on in full force, and there are some things about it that demand action. Let every member be present when the gavel falls.

#### WHAT IS "NOKEG?"

Sam DeNedry in his Washington Trades Unionist tells us of a meeting in Washington at which "an appreciative audience listened to praise of the little nokeg." What is a "nokeg"? Is it possible that Sam is a prohibitionist and taking up the cause of those of that peculiar faith? We inquire to know.

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#### THIS YEAR'S CONVENTIONS.

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October 18, Detroit, Mich., International Association of Car Workers.