

GENERAL MENTION

Deliberately Swiped From the Progressive Portland Labor Press.

Many of these dynamite stories from Los Angeles smell fishy.

Oklahoma votes upon woman's suffrage and local option at the November election.

New York spends \$35,000,000 a year on charity. It costs money even to be poor in Gotham.

Tinsmiths in New York have won out for union conditions after a five weeks' strike.

The Tobacco Trust has gobbled up 200 drug stores at a gulp. Going to have a trust in that line, too.

The legislative committee, of the Central Labor Council of Spokane will attend all sessions of the new charter commission.

John Z. White, the well known advocate of direct legislation and of the single tax, is speaking throughout Colorado.

The toll of death on non-union electric roads is something even cold-blooded capitalists are taking note of in the east.

John Dietz, the Wisconsin fighter for his home against the lumber trust, has asked that Clarence Darrow be secured to defend him, and it is said that Darrow will do so.

The Australian governing Labor party has decided to place by direct referendum to the people the question of extending the nationalization of industries and monopolies.

The candy workers of Paris are out on a strike. Nearly all girls. They are waging a militant class conscious struggle against under pay and overwork, and for the right to organize.

Seattle firms have lost the building of a vessel by being underbid by a San Francisco firm employing union men. The nonunion men and imported strikbreakers come high.

The Dominion Trade and Labor Congress meeting recently at Fort William strongly indorsed the proposed law to allow cities and towns to assess improvements at lower rates than land values.

The Albuquerque Tribune-Citizen says that the people of New Mexico will vote down the new constitution unless the initiative is provided for according to the pledges of a majority of the delegates elected.

The job printers of New York City have signed up a new scale for five years. A gradual increase each year is provided for until the last year it will be \$27 a week for both hand and machine men for night work.

The attempt of the employers of New York City to break up the bricklayers has met with complete failure. The union demands are granted and hereafter the bricklayers will be in closer accord with other trades, as well as with the builders.

With the accession of the Tacoma Labor Advocate by the Central Labor Council came 2000 subscriptions from unions and union men. The paper is now a power for good in Tacoma, and should have every union man within ten miles of the city on its subscription lists.

A New York philanthropist has been securing lots of free advertising for his chain of department stores by sell-



S. R. McKelvie

Republican Candidate
For The Legislature
from Lancaster County.

HE EMPLOYS UNION LABOR

Work for McKelvie Nov. 8th.

ing pure milk at cost. Now it appears that he is like all the "open shoppers" and underpays to the limit. Some of them are out on strike.

American Industries, the organ of the "open shop" and union fighters in the United States, charges that Samuel Gompers was responsible for the Los Angeles explosion! Such class hatred is a deplorable outcome of the nationwide attempt to break up organized labor.

While Galveston has a clean and efficient commission form of government it does not grow. This is not the fault of its government, but because of the monopoly of its waterfront by a combine formed of railroad and corporation interests. This combine slowly chokes out and discourages trade and commerce.

Recently a concern publishing the Guide in New York City locked out 353 union printers. Wanted longer day, shorter day, and other invariable accompaniments of the "open shop." In a few days the concern signed up an agreement to pay \$1 a week more and \$1 a week more each year for five years. It found the typographical artists were true blue all through, and not a scab in the bunch.

NEW ZEALAND LABOR PARTY.

A recent Trade and Labor Union Congress, held at Auckland (N. Z.), composed solely of representatives of industrial organizations, has given birth to an independent labor party, free from the trammels of all other parties, in New Zealand. A progressive platform has been adopted which, among other planks, includes: Immediate nationalization of monopolies; no further sale of Crown lands; tenants' right to improvements; graduated land tax; state bank; abolition of legislative council; right to work; equal pay for equal work for males and females; and state assistance in maternity.

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CONGRESSMAN MAGUIRE.

Justice to Congressman Maguire, representing this district, impels the statement that his every vote in congress was recorded on the side of the people. He supported every labor bill that the American Federation of Labor was interested in.

THE BOOKBINDERS.

Chicago Craftsmen Win Notable Triumph in Their Negotiations.

An agreement containing the "closed shop" clause and a raise in wages of \$1.50 a week, has just been reached between the Bookbinders' union and the Chicago Employing Printers' association and Master Bookbinders.

This is looked upon as a notable victory for the bookbinders, who have been in conference with the employers for some time. Hereafter the minimum wage will be \$19.50 instead of \$18 a week.

The organization also made some changes in the apprentice regulations, and will hereafter control all check book and manifold work which heretofore has been done by boys.

The new agreement goes into effect immediately and will expire on Sept. 30, 1913, at the same time that all the other contracts in the printing trades come to an end.

The agreement covers forty-five shops in the city, no shop of any importance being left out.