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## MODERN UNFONISM.

## Rev. Charles Stetzle Writes of the

 Beginning.From 1824 to 1842 the unions had been swayed by many kinds of political and economic ideals. They had passed through a period of hysteria which left them comparatively weak and non-effective. But at the end of this period they had settled down to the realities. They had been disillusioned as to the matter of social revolution. They began a campaign of education among the rank and file of their membership Strikes were less frequent and the more sensational prosecution of the leaders of labor was almost abandoned. The leaders themselves, were better educated in the principles of trades unionism. A propagandist movement was inaugurated and there were many paid organizers, especially among the miners in Great Brittain and Ireland. The leading feature of the trades union movement during this period was a strong resistance to legal oppression. The earlier trades unions consisted of completely separated or toosely combined local ciatbs cach exercising a large measure of individual freedom and controlling its own funds and acting on its own initiative and in its own behalf. The Amalgamated Society of Engineers, one of the strongest unions in Great Britain, made an advance beyond this primitive form of organization. It was not only built upon national lines, but authority was vested in the central governing body whi $=h$ alone had the power to eal! strikes. Its financial system was also thoroughly worked out through a series of benefit funds. providing for protection against old age, death, sickness and accidents. It was not long before the other great trades unions were organized upon the same basis until today there exists in the trades unions in England, a powerfui social and benevolent spirit.

A historic incident in the development of trades unionism is what is known as the Taff-Vale decision. In August, 1900, the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants engaged in a strike against the Taff-Vale Railway Co. This strike did not differ from many other strikes, but the general manager of the Taff-Vale company determined to fight it out in the courts. The trades union was charged with persuading and intimidating workmen to
break their contracts with the railway and aiding and abetting acts of violence which together injured the railway company. The amount of damages asked were $\$ 11,550$. The corporation won its suit but the Court of Appeal unanimously reversed the decision of Justice Farwel!. The company then appealed to the house of lords and the latte: held that the members of the association, individually and collectively, were liable. The decision created consternation in labor circles where it had been commonly held that trade unions could frot be sued.

It was this decision of the house of lords which led the British trades unionists into independent political action in the Parliamentary elections of 1906 .

## What's the Use?

Just got through searching some fifty or sixty labor exchanges. They are all good, all interesting in a sense, and all edited by men who are working hard to accomplish something worth while. But all we find in them is
notes of strikes, lock outs, misery, victories, defeats, boosts for the label that fall on deaf ears usually, and all that sort of thing Anything constructive
little. Merely organization with a view to getting higher wages and therefore more of the fruits of labor's toil. What matters i how high wages go, if the cost o living keeps pace? Why net seel other and better remedies than mere wage increases? How many labor editors ever studies the "single tax" question? What good does it do to temporarily change effects if no change is made in the causes? What's the
use of it all, anyhow? Victimized on the one side by land mo nopoly, and thus shut off-from the land, and on the other side by monopolv of opportunities, the wage earner is offered a remedy in the shape of higrier wages, which, no sooner given than are wrested from him by increased cost of living. And trades unions doing their duty by sticking to musty old policies that alleviate temporarily, but remedy nothing? How about compelling every tardes an in ist to go to night school fo- - term of months, on pain of being deprived of his
union card tecatss of ignorance and unwillingness to learn?

## Printers Will Dance.

The annual ball of Lincoln Typographical union will be held at Bullard's hall on the evening of February 21. The annual balls of the typographical union are always successful social affairs, and the committee in charge of this year's function assures the friends of the organization that it will be just a bit ahead of all former efforts. The admission is' $\$ 1$ per couple: extra ladies 50 cents.

## Under the Weather.

Walter S. Brown, foreman of the Free Press press rooms, has been under the doctor's care for a couple of weeks, and is now able to be out of doors for the first time in a fortnight.

## Sheerest Nonsense.

Much is heard about the new chief justice, Mr. White, being a bsing lauded for forgetting parbeing lauded for forgetting par-
tisanship in making the appointment. All bosh! Chief Justice White's brand of democracy is no nore the genuine democracy of Jefferson and Jackson than the republicanism of Lorimer or Aldrich is the republicanism of Lin-
coln and of Blaine. The sugardemocracy of White is no better than the steel-republicanism oi Lorimer. The ship subsidy-republicanism of Lorimer is no worse than the tobacco-democracy of White. A precious lot of fools the majority of American voters, for being so long deceived by the kind of clap-trap that passes for political wisdom. The only difference between the two great political parties today is in the spelling of the names.
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 Dated December 24, 1910.


