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ADDITIONAL LABOR NOTES.

Thirty-seven labor papers have been started during the past month. There are now 217 strictly union labor papers in the United States.

Chicago Trades Union Label league has decided to discontinue the Union Labor Bulletin. Hereafter all proceedings and all matters of interest pertaining to union labels and the league will be found in the Union Labor Advocate. Phil Journeaux will continue to control the matter.

J. P. Morgan is said to believe that when combinations have reached a certain point the people will have to confiscate them and operate them for the common benefit. But, as his friend Gates says, "the capitalists will have a good time with them before the people will have the sense to do it."—Union Labor News.

Attention is called to the fact that the lawyers union of Pennsylvania (bar association), has adopted a new set of rules and regulations, with a view to cutting down the apprentices or rather with a view to restricting the number of journeymen lawyers, by making it impossible for many new lawyers to get a commission. The Montana State Medical Board has been suspected of having attempted the same thing. Certain it is that men whom the state board attempted to restrain from practicing have since their admission made "monkeys" of others of the brethren, who had been admitted without question.

Working for the Journal.

Fred W. Walton, member of the executive board of the A. L. U., writes from Wallace, Idaho:

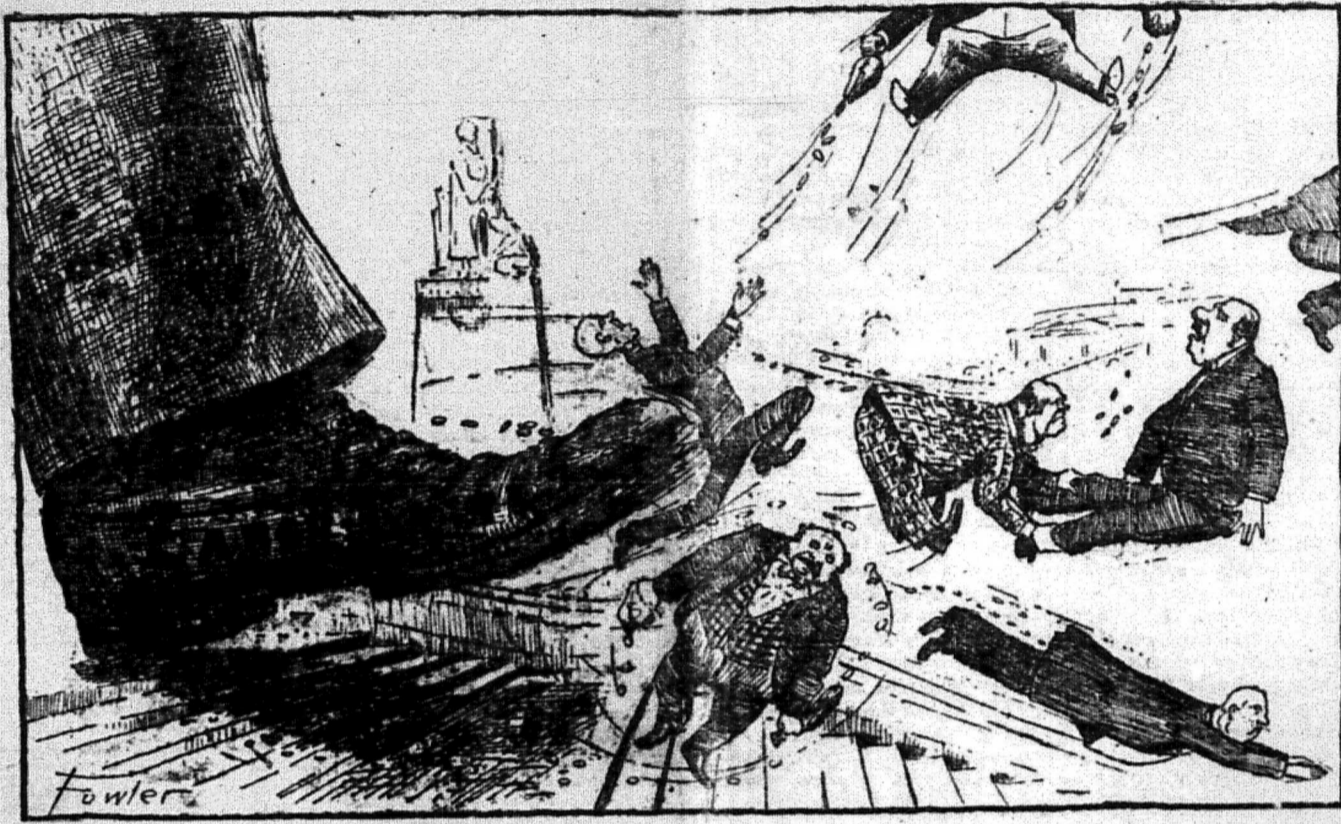
The Socialist club of Wallace held a very interesting and enthusiastic meeting last Thursday evening, February 12. Several subscriptions were received for the A. L. U. Journal and for the Idaho Socialist, and some preliminary steps were taken to put a Socialist ticket in the field for the coming city election in April next. The secretary reported that considerable Socialist literature had been furnished the public library and reading room here, which we hope will open the eyes of many of the laboring people of this vicinity to the fact that the only way their conditions can be materially benefited is through a strictly "class conscious" political educational campaign.

Fog Clearing.

The California State Federation of Labor at Los Angeles, January 3, refused to pass a resolution "sending greetings to Mayor Schmitz, 'Labor's beloved representative,'" and wishing "his continued success as the upholder of equal rights to all and special privileges to none."

The chairman declared the motion to adopt carried, but on division it was lost 7, 415 for to 5,000 against. Afterward a resolution was passed declaring for united political action by the working class outside the unions.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IN THE CITY HALL AND A FEW OTHER PLACES IN THE NEAR FUTURE



NOTES OF THE AMERICAN LABOR UNION

President McDonald is at the office in Butte this week.

Member of the Executive Board Hughes is in Massachusetts.

M. E. White of the executive board is doing organizing work in Colorado.

Member of the Executive Board Barks, at Denver, reports the unions in good condition at that place.

Brother Walton, executive member at Wallace, Idaho, visited unions in the Coeur d'Alene district last week.

Organizer Harold V. Poor of the A. L. U. sends word from Manitoba that the field is a good one and he, no doubt, will accomplish a great deal.

The list of Journal subscribers of Alta, Mont., which has been delayed, will be forwarded next week, says C. T. Griess of the Placer Miners' union.

President Chas. Moyer of the Western Federation of Mines has just returned to the office at Denver, after an extended trip through California in the interest of the Federation.

Locals are now making nominations for officers and members of the executive board of the American Labor Union. The election, which will be by referendum, will be in June.

Invitations are out for a dancing party to be given by the Butte Stenographers' association, at Le Ford's hall, on Monday evening, February 23rd. There will be an admission charge of 50 cents for men. Dancing will commence at 9 sharp.

Fred B. Morse, recording secretary of Grain Counters Workers, A. L. U., No. 261, writes that Organizer Hughes has arrived in Lynn, Mass., and it is expected he will accomplish a great deal of good, as there is a splendid field to work on.

The Butte Elevator and Bell Boys' union, which was recently chartered by the A. L. U., have had their scale recognized on presentation in nearly every house in the city. The sight of the little lads' smiling, happy countenances ought to more than recom-

pense their employers for the increased cost of service.

The Firemen and Engine Helpers' Union, of Denver, are much pleased with the condition of things in their organization. They announce no more strike funds will be needed and they return thanks to the A. L. U. and the Denver Trades Assembly for financial assistance rendered during the fight on the Rocky Mountain Paper Mills.

Victor, Montana, Lumbermen's union, No. 279, A. L. U., are very much pleased with the happy termination of their wage difficulties. On Saturday, February 7th, the employers signed the union scale, which provides for an increase of about 25 per cent, no docking for stops and requiring all employes to join the union within ten days after obtaining work.

W. D. Haywood, secretary-treasurer of the Western Federation of Miners, has received word that 1,100 striking union men at Keswick, California, have completed arrangements with the Mountain Copper company for them to return to work. This is a complete victory for the Western Federation of Miners. All its demands were conceded. The fight has been a bitter one. The company declared it would close down for ten years if necessary, but thought better of it.

The Denver labor situation is adjusting itself. The new consolidated Trades Assembly, with which the A. L. U. locals are affiliated, is now the only recognized central body in Denver, and the incorporated assembly is only a remnant of what it was several months ago. The Typographical union and Barbers' union have withdrawn from the incorporated and have joined the consolidated assembly, and both the machinists and cigarmakers' unions have withdrawn from the incorporated and will remain unaffiliated, centrally, for the present.

In Fernie, B. C.—Father Haggerty spoke twice and S. M. O'Brien, A. L. U. organizer, declares that those who did not hear him missed a grand intellectual treat. In speaking of the lecture Mr. O'Brien says: "He has a clear concep-

tion of the labor problem and his ability to put it in a simple understandable form before his audience, so that a child could understand, has won for him the profound respect of every one. He emphasized the class struggle and cleared up the smoky atmosphere which sometimes envelops conceptions of Socialism."

The Women's Protective Union of Butte now numbers several hundred broad-minded, intelligent women, who are becoming interested in the principles of Socialism. At their request the Butte Socialist local appointed a committee, consisting of Messrs. Elhott, Majors and O'Malley, to appear before the union and discuss the principles of Marxian philosophy. The committee express themselves as being more than pleased at their kindly reception and courteous treatment. An effort is being made to establish a Ladies' Socialist auxiliary. The plan bids fair to meet with success.

The Grocery Employees' union, No. 107, of Denver, is meeting with most gratifying success in awakening the interest of the grocery employes and in perfecting their organization. As has been the case with every new organization, a number of discouragements were required to be met and conquered, but the union is now on a firm basis and memberships are rolling in. Fifty new members were initiated during January month alone. In the language of Larkin, the secretary, "they have come to stay," and the people of Denver and of the whole industrial world will be the better for their having come. Much of this success and growth is said to be due to the splendid energy and enthusiasm of J. E. Anderson, the business agent of the organization.

A fine, big union hall is the ambition of the A. L. U. boys in Tuolumne, Calif., and they expect to shortly have their ambition gratified. Plans are all drawn and most of the stock subscribed for. The boys are enthusiastic and say it will be the best and prettiest thing in town—excepting always, of course, the ladies. Energy and vim are characteristic in Sequoia union, and in spite of a stormy night the hall given by them on January 26th was a grand success. Sequoia union is the only lumbermen's union

in California and an organizer of that calling in California is badly needed, as that state contains most of the mammoth lumbering and saw mills in the country. Secretary-Treasurer Levis is a warm admirer of the A. L. U. and firmly opposed to reactionary policies and "Federation ruts," as he terms them.

An official letter from Billings Federal Labor Union, No. 133, to the American Labor Union announces that the Donovan-McCormick company of that city has been declared unfair because of its antagonism to organized labor. The manager, Mr. Spahr, flatly refuses to unionize the establishment, and says the company can get all the cheap help it needs. T. C. Powers of Helena and a Mr. Johnson are the principal stockholders. Mr. Powers is said to have interests in stores at Helena, Butte and other places in the state in addition to the Donovan-McCormick business at Billings. Union men at Billings are requested to cease patronizing this company until this trouble is settled, and if members of organized labor throughout the state will withhold patronage from Mr. Power, it will have an influence towards hastening a settlement.

To thine own self be true
And it must follow as the night the day,

That thou can'st not then be false to any man.

In Hamilton, a correspondent informs us, are some people who don't like Socialism, and consequently are real pouty at the Journal for advocating it. Socialism is part of the A. L. U. It is the distinguishing mark between our organization and the old purblind reactionary methods, which believes in organizing a union and then permitting the capitalist class to crush it. The principles of the A. L. U. are the principles of the Journal. We shall advocate no other even at the risk of incurring the displeasure of those of our boys who do not realize how helpless, pure and simple, trades unionism is when in conflict with the allied corporations of this country. The Journal is wedded to the right as the A. L. U. sees it. We shall advocate nothing else. We could not if we would and we would not if we could; so there you are.

Did you ever hear of a daily newspaper denouncing the wage system under which labor suffers; or of one advocating vigorously the cause of the workers in disputes between employers and employers? Or of one at all times and under all circumstances demanding better conditions and higher pay for working people? Of course you haven't. But then the plain duty of working people is to continue on spending their money with the daily newspapers. Never mind about the weekly labor paper that stands true to the interests and aspirations of labor—it can get along without your support. It can become powerful in your cause without your \$1 per year. Sure! How? Why, let's see, neither laborer nor capitalist has any use for it—oh, yes, it becomes powerful in your cause by the grit and self-sacrifice of the fellow who has the courage to run it. This is to be read and appreciated by the many thousands of laboring people in the nation who spend dollar after dollar with other newspapers, but who can't afford \$1 per year for a labor paper.—Ex.

Chicago's Municipal Coal Yards.

The municipal coal yard system was opened Saturday morning, January 31, and although a delay of an hour was caused by the failure of the printer to deliver the order blanks on time, 5,000 persons were supplied with necessary fuel—at cost—during the day. The coal was delivered from seven places in the city at the astonishing price of \$3.60 a ton or 20 cents per hundred pounds, when carried away by the purchaser, or \$4.60 a ton delivered. The demand was so great that instead of limiting the sales to ton lots, maximum, it was found necessary to sell not more than half a ton to any one purchaser. A majority of the sales were to persons bringing their baskets and purchasing 10 pounds. These persons having heretofore been forced to pay at the private yards 50 cents for 75 pounds and less. Chicago, in the role of selling coal to its people, is acting the part of self-preservation; the system of competition, so much vaunted as being the "life of trade" was proving to be the death of the individual, and since the safety of the individual is the preservation of government, Chicago has very properly stepped in and performed a duty to itself.—Labor Compendium.

Opinions on the Journal.

The Journal is much appreciated.
WM. AHERN,
Cor. secretary St. Regis Lumbermen's union.

I cannot close without complimenting you on The Journal, the best paper of the kind ever published.
M. C. ROBERTS,
Billings, Mont., A. L. U., 133.

Your Journal is a shining star in the world of ignorance and narrow-mindedness. I am always waiting for the next number. I enclose year's subscription for the Journal, to be sent to Edward Cassidy, 165 West 95th street, New York City.

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121 West 105 street, New York City.

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OTTO HELMAN.

Member of the Executive Board F. W. Ott: "With every issue of the Journal I congratulate myself that I voted for its establishment."

P. M. Morris, of Chicago: "A friend of mine handed me a copy of your Journal last night, and, starting to read it, I became so interested that I stayed at home and read the whole contents before I finished. It is the best labor and Socialist paper I have ever seen, and I read a lot of Socialist literature."

Jacob B. Shurid, of Kallispell: "I must say that your paper has the right ring and preaches the right gospel for the salvation of the working class."

Combine Against the Socialists.

Landsford, Pa.: Owing to the great strength shown by the Socialists the democratic party, true to the interests of its capitalistic masters, has endorsed the republican ticket. We will have other proofs that the democratic and republican parties are indeed as Debs says: "The two wings of the capitalistic bird of prey." Such combinations as that in Pennsylvania will be common two years hence.

LABOR EVENTS OF THE PAST WEEK

If money makes the mare go what will make the Baer go? Answer: Common sense on the part of the masses.

Canadian trade unions have formed a National Trade and Labor congress and have urged all Canadian organizations to secede from national and international unions of the United States. The congress will adopt one label to be used by all affiliated

unions. One objection to the United States' organizations is that their leaders must of necessity conduct strikes in Canada.

The St. Louis Transit company is endeavoring to launch a "fake" street car men's union, with which it has effected an agreement running five years and under the terms of which there will be a gradual advance of three cents per hour during the

above period. The first increase is promised May 1st; the second, January 1st, and the last at the expiration of the World's fair period. Each increase being one cent per hour. The St. Louis Trades and Labor union denounces the bogus labor union in the strongest language.

The settlement of the differences existing between the trainmen and management of the Missouri, Kansas

& Texas railroad, which was effected amicably last Friday, means much for railway trainmen throughout the West. The basis of settlement was an advance of 15 per cent. in wages for freight men and 12 1-2 per cent. for passenger men. This will be the basis of settlement, it is expected, all other western roads will agree to, and, in all likelihood, another great railway strike will be averted.

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Organize for emancipation.

A direct, determined and uncompromising fight for a definite principle is certain to triumph in the end.

Be sure that the "opportunism" that is preached, to you does not contain the elements of personal advantage to its advocate.

No man whose interests lie with the capitalist class can be trusted to administer public affairs with justice to the working class.

Workingman, how can you conscientiously fight capitalism with your unions 364 days in the year, and then vote capitalist parties into power on the 365th day?

If the working class, the producers of all wealth, are not entitled to the wealth they create, will some capitalist philosopher kindly inform us to whom this wealth rightfully belongs?

Butte men, who held up the Burlington train the other day, have confessed. It is now up to Rockefeller, Morgan and the other fellows, who have held up the people on a larger scale for years, to confess and plead for mercy at the bar of public justice.

If you are a railroad man you ought to join the United Brotherhood of Railway Employees. It is an independent organization for employees only, over which the companies have no influence whatever.

Now is the time for members of the American Labor Union to study the laws of the organization, as set forth in the constitution. Experience is the best teacher, and if experience has shown defects in the present laws, or suggested new ones, that would add to the effectiveness of the American Labor Union, amendments should be initiated in the legal way, to be voted upon by referendum.

We challenge Samuel Gompers or any representative of the American Federation of Labor to defend the disrupting policy of the A. F. of L. in Denver and throughout Colorado. Let the defense be made publicly before any body of union people in America. We will pay the expenses of the meeting and accept the verdict of the audience.

Congress takes the duty off coal and the railway companies increase the transportation charges proportionately. Simply transfers the profits from Baer to Jim Hill. The people pay the freight, literally in this case, with the duty added.

This is supposed to be a land where the poorest beggar is of as much consequence as the millionaire, but the fact is that the American millionaires are more powerful than the nobleman of the old world ever were.

There is only one sensible and consistent thing for the class conscious capitalist to do politically, and that is to oppose Socialism with all his strength and resources.

surely as Socialism will triumph an end will be put to the system that enables one man to appropriate the fruits of other men's labor.

A magazine with a million circulation announced the other day that Cornelius Vanderbilt is on the road to recovery from his recent illness.

Socialism is not opposed to religion. Neither is Socialism an ally of religion. The Socialist party bears the same relation to religion as it does to medicine, surgery, art and historical and scientific research.

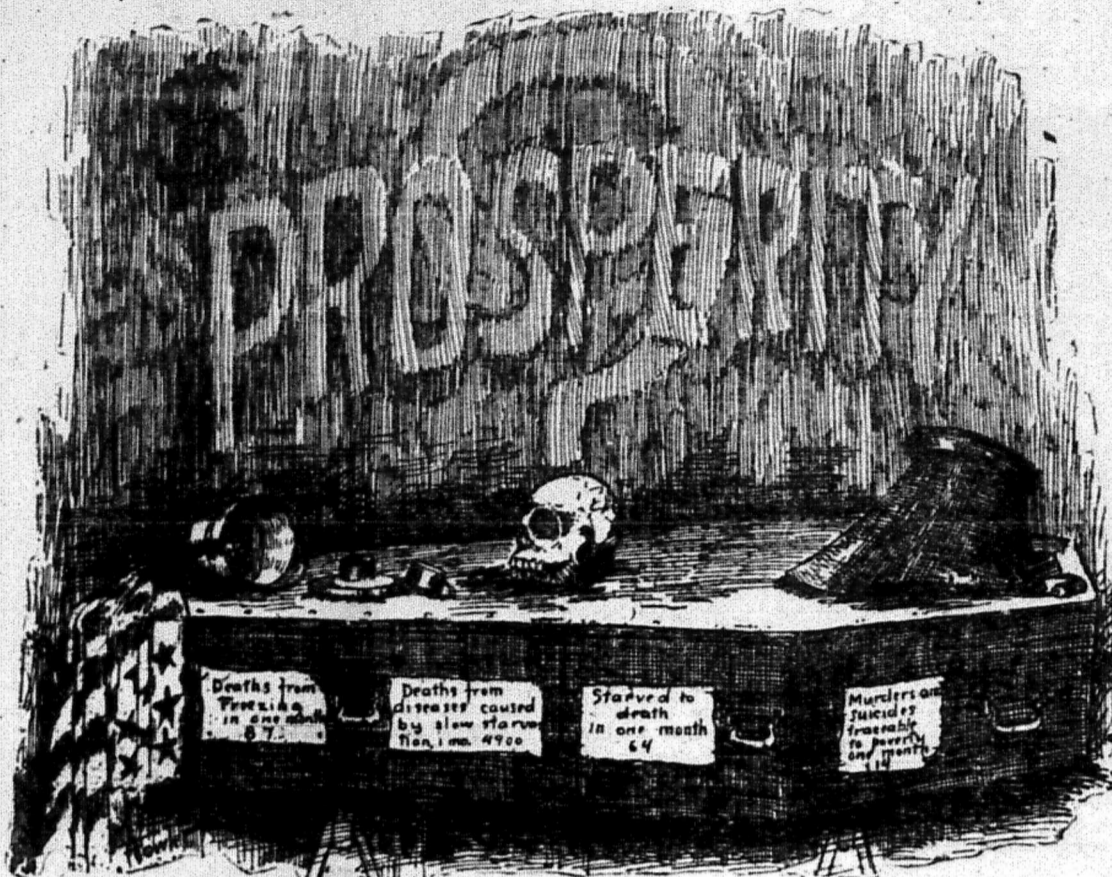
The working class of the world is going to be freed from the shackles of wage-slavery. There is no doubt of it. Never before in the world's history has there been a distinct, uncompromising working class movement embracing all the great nations of the world.

"Nothing to Arbitrate."

The Incubus sat on the Workingman's shoulders. "Get up," said the Incubus, as he stuck in his spurs; "this is a question as to whether we or the miners are to run our business."

Comrade Debs' article in this issue furnishes food for thought for the membership of every Socialist local in the country.

THE DINNER-LESS PAIR; THE COAL-LESS SCUTTLE



Did you ever vote for this?

Just Received.

The A. L. U. Journal has just received the following works, written by the most widely known and approved exponents of Socialistic thought.

- "Outlook From New Standpoint," by Bax.
"Students Marx," by Edw. Aveling.
"Economic Foundation of Society," by Achille Loria; \$1.00.
"Condition of Working Class in England," by Engells; \$1.00.

LABOR'S CRITICS.

By Annie C. Muthhead in The Outlook "I believe in labor unions," said the College President, "But I think I could improve upon their rules."

"We believe in labor unions," say the Editors of tact, "Provided they are always nice and good; For the workingman's an angel; like an angel he must act, And not like ordinary flesh-and-blood."

Ancient Fables Modernized

No. 2 Written for The Journal by Marcus W. Robbins

The Father and His Sons. A father had a family of sons who were perpetually quarreling among themselves. When he failed to heal their disputes by his exhortations he determined to give them a practical illustration of the evils of disunion.

- "The Quintessence of Socialism," by A. Schaffle.
"Work and Wages," by Thorold Rogers.
"England's Ideals," by Edw. Carpenter.
"Religion of Socialism," by Bax.

The Rev. Dr. Paley, the eminent theologian, more than 50 years ago, said: "If one could see a flock of pigeons working together with might and main gathering together a pile of corn and then turning it all over to one pigeon, and that perhaps the poorest and weakest in the lot, reserving nothing for themselves, and then sitting around all winter shivering and starving, while the other was devouring, throwing about and wasting the fruits of their toil, and if one pigeon more hardy than the rest should, when driven by the pangs of hunger, dare to touch a grain, the rest springing upon him and tearing him limb from limb, we would have a fair example of what mankind is doing at the present day."

Official Department

AND NOTES OF THE AMERICAN LABOR UNION

Butte, Mont., Feb. 15, 1903. To the Officers and Members of the American Labor Union: Brothers and Sisters-The American Labor Union Journal is mailed regularly to all subscribers, but we understand hundreds who have paid for the paper do not receive it.

Butte, Mont., Feb. 16, 1903. To the Secretary: We are glad to say that the Paper Mill Workers' strike in Denver is in such shape that we are enabled to discontinue the assessment levied by authority of the executive board, by

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virtue of power vested in them by Article VII, Section 1 of the constitution

The first assessment was levied for the week beginning January 11th, and the last assessment will cover the week ending February 15th, making a total of five weeks. The rate of assessment being one cent a week, makes a total assessment against each union of five cents per member in good standing, as shown by the quarterly report of December 31st.

Yours respectfully, DANIEL McDONALD, President American Labor Union. CLARENCE SMITH, Secretary-treasurer American Labor Union.

A Polish branch of the Socialist party was organized recently in South Chicago.

See the advertisement of H. W. Carter & Sons, manufacturers of union made overalls, pants and shirts.

