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FIRE THE COMMITTEE.

Colorado and Southern Railway Attempts to Carry Things With a High Hand—Shops Tied Up and Rolling Stock Becoming Unsafe for Use.

The strike of the Colorado and Southern Blacksmiths has extended to every department and the shops are tied up as tight as a drum. The machinists and their helpers have joined the blacksmiths, even the son of the foreman going out with the men. The company forced the issue and left the men no recourse. The machinists appointed a committee to wait on the management in the hope of warding off the threatened trouble. The committee were denied an interview and every member of it was discharged for having dared to act.

The action of the company permitted but one course of action, and that the men adopted. The machinists and helpers numbering nearly 100 struck at 10:30 a. m., Feb. 24. The boiler-makers and helpers notified the company that blacksmiths must be reinstated within an hour. Their demand was refused and at noon fifty more men joined the strikers, making a force of 200 men.

As stated last week, the blacksmiths' trouble was due to the effort of the C. and S. R. R. to compel them to work with a notorious scab.

The blacksmiths have been out two weeks, and every one of them is standing pat. Not a single break has occurred. Every man seems to feel that the very existence of Western unionism is threatened and they are determined to fight to the last ditch.

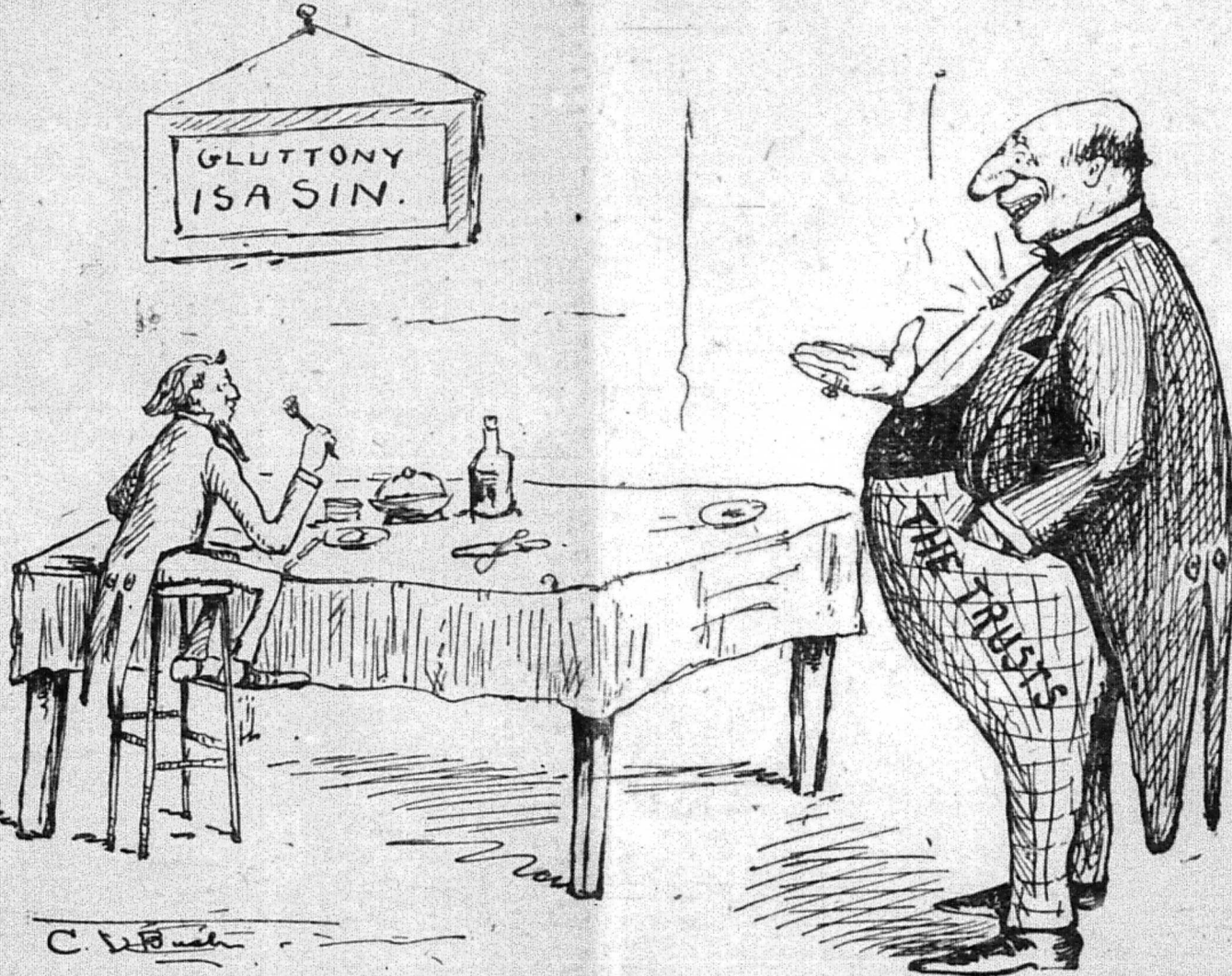
Over 80 per cent of the work done on the Colorado and Southern railroad has been done in the Denver shops. They are the only ones of any consequence on the whole system. Letters have been sent out from union headquarters calling on the few repair men who are strung along the line. The road cannot hold out very long, as conditions are at present. President McDonald and Secretary Smith have sent out communications to the executive board (a copy appears in the official column), calling on them to levy an assessment to hold up the hands of their striking brothers, who are battling for the very life of unionism, for there is no question that the various struggles now going on are the result of an organized attempt to crush the labor unions.

Golden Federal Labor Union is still pegging away. The clerks of the city have formed an organization within our union and are working for a 6 o'clock closing, with almost an assurance of complete success. The sentiment in favor of labor organization is now almost universal, only a few old croakers are heard in opposition, and their squeaks are very feeble. The betrayal of the eight-hour amendment by our legislators is rousing the unions to the fact that we should put more labor men on guard for platform promises are never kept.

There are some who desire to know with the sole purpose that they may know, and it is curiosity; and some who desire to know that they may be known, and it is base ambition; and some who desire to know that they may sell their knowledge for wealth and honor, and it is base avarice; but there are some, also, who desire to know that they may be edified, and it is prudence; and some who desire to know that they may help others, and it is charity.—S. Bernard.

If thou believest not as he believeth his plain proof that he believeth not as thou believest—and no earthly power can judge between ye.—Cobett.

HAS GOMPERS AND THE "PHYSIC" FEDERATION A REMEDY FOR THIS?



Sammy, I'm going to raise your wages to ten per cent. and say, Sammy, I shall have to raise your board forty per cent. I must have dividends.—Detroit Times.

NOTES OF THE AMERICAN LABOR UNION

BUTTE STENOGRAPHERS.

A Thriving Organization.
One of the most satisfactory of the new unions, from a standpoint of growth, is the Stenographers. Eight were initiated at the last meeting and a greater number will be taken in before the annual ball, which will be an event in the world of jollity. The membership is a merry and fun-loving lot of boys and girls as can be found anywhere.

The headquarters in the Pennsylvania building are always open and a portion of the membership is to be met there every evening.

More space will shortly be obtained and fitted up with reading matter and games provided, so that the hall will afford all the advantages of a club-room.

The committee appointed to look after the ball arrangements are Miss Edyna Payne, Janie Grayce, Mr. A. W. Devitt, Joseph Flaherty, J. A. Poore, R. C. Smith, Miss Lizzie Hardiman and Agatha Richards.

The Anaconda Workingmen's Union

THE FIGHT IS ON.

Attempt to Stamp Out Unionism.
The attack on the organized mining labor of the West by the mining and smelting trust, which Boyce foresaw and predicted, and in expectation of which he bent his powerful energies to build up an organization that might be able to withstand the assault; the onslaught which every thinking miner has been dreading since the Salt Lake convention, is upon us. Every union man in the West must lay aside everything of pettiness, of personalities, and rush to the breach

THEY HAD IT COMING.

Capitalistic Tools on the School Board Receive the Castigation They Deserve.

That the Central Labor Council of Anaconda does not approve of the action taken by the school board in regard to the formation of a Teachers' Union was shown by the following:

A few of the teachers organized a union, or attempted to at least, some time ago, and the school board at its meeting the other night declared that the union was in direct opposition to the best aims and purposes of teachers and that the superintendent should make personal inquiries as to who belonged to the union, and that any one who joined would expect dismissal at the hands of the board. The resolutions adopted are as follows:

met at Socialist hall on the evening of February 24. Several new members were initiated. This new organization is getting along splendidly and it will be a grand organization in a few months.

The first annual ball given at Turner hall was a great success in every way. The dancers were in mask costume. The committee on arrangements were J. F. Brennen, Nick Imo, P. F. McInerney, F. L. Feist and Bernard Ootasa.

IN ANACONDA.

Differences Settled—St. Jean's Shoe Shop Now Fair.

The Central Labor Council of Anaconda desires the announcement made that L. St. Jean, the shoemaker, of Anaconda, who was placed on the unfair list by the Central Labor Council of Anaconda and the Shoemakers' Union No. 24, has settled all differences between himself and the Shoemakers' Union and is entitled to the support of all. Yours fraternally,

H. A. DENNY.

DEMANDS GRANTED.

And the Little Fellows Are Happy—Messenger and Pin Boys.

The Messenger and Pin Boys' Union recently organized at American Labor Union headquarters have been granted all their demands by the managers of the A. D. T. Co. and the World Messenger Co. The boys demanded for messengers \$25 and eight hours per day. The fine system which had been worked with such consummate skill that boys who were listed at \$20 rarely got more than \$12 and more often \$8, has been abolished. In connection with the fine system it might be remarked en passant that the messenger companies were not the only ones who took advantage of the helpless condition of the unorganized boys. Restaurant keepers who pose as fair men had no hesitation in charging 75 cents for a broken platter (platters will break, you know) that could be bought single in New York and laid down in Butte by express at a cost not to exceed 25c. Cups and saucers and plates the same. Every

S. D., and we have been forced to reopen the fight at Keswick and Iron Mountain, Calif. We had agreed upon a settlement with the manager of the Iron Mountain Copper Company at Keswick, the company agreeing to post notices recognizing the union and reinstating all men who were on strike. The strike was declared off on these terms, but the company has failed to keep its promise. Our men have not been reinstated and a more aggressive policy of discrimination is being pursued by the company that year before. I wired the unions there Saturday evening to call their men

to the aims, objects and principles of organized labor.

"Resolved further, That this assembly denounce the action taken by the school board and pledge our unyielding support to the teachers in their efforts to organize a union, and that we call upon every body of organized working people in the county to take a determined stand in their support of the school teachers."

The striking miners at L'aho Springs are gaining their contest for the uniform scale of \$2.75 per day. Friday the Bullion King management conceded the scale and put the men back to work, and Monday the same result was attained at the Mattie, while a conference is on with the Newhouse Tunnel people, with hope for satisfactory result in a few days. This

breakage meant a charge for five times the value. In the future restaurant folks will find that it pays to treat the little boys reasonably. Boys are required to be 16 years of age under the new rules. Any one caught grafting will be discharged. No boy will be hired without the consent of the union. The pin boys were granted \$35 per month and eight hours per day.

A DEFAULTER.

Treasurer Disappears.
Silverton, Colo., Feb. 19.—(Special to the Journal.)—Harry Case, secretary and treasurer of Silverton (Col.) Cooks' and Waiters' Union, has defaulted and left town between two days.

Silverton has a union laundry at last, so the people here no longer need to send their laundry to Denver and Colorado Springs; it will be equipped with steam in the spring, or as soon as they get patronage enough to justify.

H. FREEMAN, Cor. Sec. Silverton Union, No. 112.

out and shut down the smelter and mine, so the fight is again on, and it is our intention to force this company to recognize the Western Federation of Miners if it takes every dollar in our treasury. I have asked Brother Boyce to get to Keswick and consult with Brother Lewis and he will be on the ground tomorrow.

I would be pleased if you would publish the conditions of Keswick in the Journal; also notify all men to remain away from Iron Mountain and Keswick until further notice.

CHAS. MOYER, President W. F. M.

practically limits the strike to the Sun and Moon properties. They are likely to remain closed for some time. The mine owners' combination for a \$2.50 per day wage can be now said to be broken and a complete victory is looked for.

Max Hays announces a brief lecture tour for next autumn by Ben Tillett, general secretary of the Transport and Dockers' union of Great Britain. Mr. Tillett was fraternal delegate to the Scranton convention of the A. F.

The Amalgamated Society of Carpenters have doubled their membership in the past 18 months.

In Britain all classes of labor quit at noon on Saturdays.

THE JOURNAL.

Girard, Kas., Feb. 24, 1903.
Ed. American Labor Union Journal.

Dear Comrade: I acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of a bundle of the American Labor Union Journal, which I have distributed among the workers of our office, many of whom are not yet Socialists. I consider the American Labor Union Journal and the Miners' Magazine the grandest labor papers in the world. Inclosed please find a copy of my municipal pamphlet for review. I hope you will continue to exchange your paper with the Appeal to Reason. Best Wishes to the Montana comrades.

Yours fraternally,
ERNEST UNTERMANN,
Associate Editor Appeal to Reason.

The Situation at Keswick.

The attitude of the mill trust is set forth in the following, which is taken from the Miners' Magazine for March: "The people throughout the West have read many articles commenting on the great strike in California. Organized labor was somewhat jubilant when it was learned that the striking smeltermen and miners forced the English syndicate to capitulate to a recognition of the union. The Western Federation of Miners supported the strikers in their battle against the despotism of the soulless corporation, which denied to its employees the right to organize for mutual interest and protection. The Western Federation of Miners, through a member of its executive board, brought the strike to a successful issue, and received from the officials of the company the assurance that the union would be recognized and that no member of the union would be discriminated against on account of his membership in the Western Federation of Miners. As soon as these assurances were given the strike was declared off and the company resumed operations. When the official representatives of the Western Federation of Miners had taken their departure from Keswick, feeling and believing that the promises of the corporation officials would be faithfully kept, discrimination became the order of the day and every man who had taken a prominent and active part in the great battle that has been waged since last November found, upon application for employment that his name adorned the "black list." The resident officials of the corporation secured the services of the postmaster to organize a union made up of merchants, saloonkeepers, clerks and scabs in opposition to the union of the Western Federation of Miners, and the members of this scab organization, manipulated by a federal officeholder, are to be utilized in driving from the country every man who fought for the recognition of his union.

Affairs are assuming a serious phase in Keswick, California, and it may be that the Western Federation of Miners will be forced to again take up the fight and never quit until victory is won beyond the question of a doubt.

The speedy termination of the Denver Paper Mill strike is looked for. J. E. Burns reports that the paper stock is accumulating rapidly, and this will force the corporation to terms. If the unions throughout the country act in accordance with the suggestions of the circular sent out by the Paper Mill Workers and published in this issue, the end will be hastened.

The arrest in Washington of the alleged holdup, Baer, indicates that there is something in a name after all, or at least that the Washington police thought there was.

California glass blowers are working for a law prohibiting the handling of second-hand bottles.

A bill to brand all prison-made goods is favorably reported in the Kansas legislature.

Adversity is more easily resisted than prosperity.—Victor Hugo.

DATES

- For Speeches by Lieutenant Governor Coates of Colorado.
- March 5 and 7—Auditorium, Butte.
- March 6—South Butte, A. O. U. W. hall.
- March 8—East Butte Union hall.

Chance for Distinction

Written Expressly for The Journal By M. G. O'Malley

The plutocratic press has opened its attack on Socialism by creating a "straw man" and then pounding him up.

Do you, my capitalistic apologist, concede or subscribe to the following premises on which the Socialist conclusion rests?

First—Do you acknowledge that the gift of life implies the right to live?

Second—That the right to live implies the right to apply the forces which nature has given to the means of sustenance that nature has provided?

Third—That labor produces all wealth? That capital, being that part of production which is used in the reproduction of values, is only a tool or an instrument in the hands of labor?

Fourth—That man is entitled to the fruits of his own toil? If he is not, who is? The man who does nothing?

Do you realize that governments are established among men to, theoretically at least, protect the rights of every individual?

Now if (1) the right to live is recognized, (2) the right to toil on the

face of the earth is recognized; (3) the fact that labor produces all wealth is conceded; (4) the right of a man to the fruits of his own toil admitted and (5) the duty of government to protect him in the enjoyment of those acknowledged, it follows that governments are false to obligations by permitting the continuance of the wage system because wages are that part of your production which your employer gives to you.

To do this is it not necessary to substitute production for use for production for profit?

In order to accomplish this it is not necessary that it assume control of the means of production and distribution?

Finally, we ask again: Is man entitled to the fruits of his own toil? If not, why not?

Answer these questions, Mr. Capitalist Editor?

If you are honest in your opposition to Socialism you will try, if you

are dishonest you will let them severely alone, or else take refuge in a mass of meaningless sophistry. Let us have an honest discussion for once. We court argument. No capitalist or "pure and simple" trades union paper barred. Most of you have exhausted your billingsgate. Try your hand at a discussion of economics.

class of which he is a prototype—the serf of feudalism. There is one important difference in their conditions and that difference is not in the free laborer's favor.

Again we assert that the laboring class are as much the slaves of the capitalistic class as were the black men of the Southland.

Doesn't Like Socialism.

Denver, Colo., Feb. 6, 1903.

Editor Journal: Socialists make a grave mistake when they assume, as they continually do, that Socialism is the only remedy offered for the correction of our social maladjustments.

I don't believe in Socialism nor do I defend the present system. I don't believe in Socialism because I think it is utterly impracticable and unnecessary.

of truth. By emphasizing the truth and ignoring the error, its advocates make a very specious showing.

Socialism can never become a reality, because it ignores individual liberty. And, remember, by "individual liberty" I don't mean the present system of slavery.

Under Socialism all businesses would be controlled and operated by the government—or, what is the same thing, by the people collectively.

nesses which are social in their nature. He wants the government to also assume control of and operate grocery stores, dry goods stores, restaurants, barber shops and peanut stands, etc., etc.

Railroads, telegraphs, street cars and water plants are monopolistic in their nature; grocery stores are not. Suppose your grocer should charge you an exorbitant price for your groceries. What would you do?

you would refuse to trade with him, wouldn't you? There are hundreds of other grocermen willing and anxious to supply you with your groceries at reasonable prices.

your water supply. There is no competing company for you to turn to for relief, as you did in the case of your groceries. So it is with the railroads, telegraph company, street cars, telephone and lighting plant.

Monopoly and privilege are the enemies of labor. Free competition is a blessing, not a curse, as Socialists would have us believe.

Help Spread the Light.

The growth of Socialism depends wholly, solely and entirely on the enthusiasm of the proletariat for the principles which will free mankind from the blighting effects of industrial error.

Political Action Necessary.

Some idea of the uselessness of labor organizations trying to gain anything without political action may be had from the statement by one who is in a position to know.

We may learn from the German Socialists how to study and combat capitalism, and from American millionaires how capitalism can be brought to the zenith of its power.

The freest government cannot long endure where the tendency is to create a rapid accumulation of property in the hands of the few.—Daniel Webster.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 1903.

The editor of the A. L. U. Journal would rather see the American Labor Union wrecked than have it become a political adjunct to capitalist parties...

Workingmen, depend only upon yourselves.

An easy one for the Butte Miner. It being acknowledged that labor produces all wealth...

We are agitators, and let the capitalist newspaper editor comfort himself with the idea that in these times a man is either an agitator or a coward.

Yes, we are preaching discontent, so long as a system exists which enables one class to live in idleness and luxury at the expense of the misery and degradation of another class.

A workingman who will not fight to protect his own rights ought to starve, but he has no right to allow his cowardice to lower the standard of living for his fellow men...

Every member of the American Labor Union ought to understand the principles and program of our organization. Study the Declaration of Principles...

Also something simple for the old-time labor leader who says that labor is entitled to a just reward: How much of the product of labor is a "just reward" for the laborer?

Aggressive labor, organized both industrially and politically, is the only power that can successfully cope with the power of organized capitalism.

The Butte Miner may be right when it says the American Labor Union Journal is the leading exponent of Socialism in the West...

The average Butte workingman, who has been voting for Daly, Clark, Heinze and Rockefeller, is wondering why he should not commence voting for himself...

After all, the question of legislation and government is not so difficult to understand. It is simply a question of capitalist governments protecting the interests of the capitalist class.

Ernest Untermyer, the noted labor and Socialist writer, says the American Labor Union Journal and the...

can Labor Union Journal and the Miners' Magazine are the grandest labor publications in the world. He is right. And why shouldn't they be?

Do not delude yourselves with the idea that the interests of labor and capital are identical. Capitalists could not survive if they did not rob labor...

Some workingmen are still foolish enough to trust capitalist politicians to protect the interests of labor. In every such case the trust is betrayed...

Four years ago an Idaho fusion legislature defeated an eight-hour law, and this year a republican legislature has administered a similar dose of capitalist protection to the miners...

Last week the Montana legislature defeated the bill providing for closed vestibules on street cars. Clark and the other street railway magnates find it cheaper to buy legislatures than to build vestibules...

Capitalist newspapers and politicians who try to make Socialism a religious issue only makes themselves ridiculous. Socialism is solely an economic question...

The present capitalist system is good enough for the Butte Miner. And it ought to be. Under this system the owner of the Miner has been able to exploit labor to the amount of one hundred million dollars in thirty years...

not all in the exploiting class. Nearly all of us are among the exploited. And it is natural that the working people, who produced all this hundred million dollars of wealth...

Never have corporations made such an onslaught on unionism in the West as is being made at present. The Western Federation of Miners is engaging in a number of fierce struggles that will test the strength of the organization...

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On another page appears an article entitled "A Chance for Distinction." We commend it to the notice of the Butte Miner...

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"The reaction against the nasty official organ of the Heinze movement in Butte appears to have set in. The chap who pleaded guilty under oath to having made Heinze a success is popularly accredited with having unhorsed him before the legislature.

If there is a nastier publication in the business than the Butte Miner, the public has yet to learn of it. Its presence in this community is made apparent more by its foul odor than by its circulation.

Which has seen the present school board elevate to high position a man whose behaviour in another city was food for many days for scandal wagging tongues; which has seen one who is said to have divorced a crippled and confiding wife—behind her back—placed in an important office without a word of protest—now lashes itself into a frenzy because a gentleman whose private life is blameless...

To capitalism nothing is sacred. Manhood, honor, justice, decency must in its eyes, be subordinate to the god of Profit. The Miner is a true exponent, though a nasty one, of this spirit. In its opinion it is perfectly justifiable to assault with the virago fury of the proverbial fish-woman, with denunciation and falsehood any one who denies the right of the few to live at the expense of the many.

Investigation has shown that the High School boys accused of stone-throwing are not disciples of Socialism, but belong to a certain kind of odorous democracy and were merely qualifying themselves for a career of transom-tossing.

Subscribe for the Journal.



Official Department

AND NOTES OF THE AMERICAN LABOR UNION

Official Notice.

Butte, Mont., Feb. 28, 1903. To the Members of the Executive Board of the A. L. U.:

The management insisted upon keeping a scab at work who was fined \$100 for scabbing. An effort was made to settle the trouble, but failed, and the Blacksmiths and Helpers struck.

Should the idea of this assessment meet with your approval or rejection, we will ask you to immediately send in your vote for or against not later than March 6.

DANIEL McDONALD, President American Labor Union. CLARENCE SMITH, Secretary-Treasurer American Labor Union.

APPEAL FOR SUPPORT.

President McDonald Sends Out the Following Letter to the Different Unions. To the Officers and Members of Local Unions.

Brothers: I take advantage if this opportunity of informing our members, officially, that the Denver Blacksmiths and Helpers' Union, No. 163, A. L. U., are out on strike in the Colorado and Southern railroad shops.

The proposition of supporting the blacksmiths and helpers is one that is up to us now. They were obliged to strike to maintain the integrity of their organization and to uphold the principles of unionism.

"The Conspiracy to Loot Montana's Copper Mines" is the caption of a page article in the Reveille, which calls itself a "labor" paper.

smiths the required necessary financial assistance. The advisability of levying an assessment of two cents a week per member for this purpose has been submitted to the executive board for its approval...

In the event of your union making a donation or appropriation of money for the Denver blacksmiths prior to the ordering of this assessment by the A. L. U., or afterwards, if you will send it to this office we will give the union credit for the amount in payment of your assessment.

Ancient Fables Modernized

No. 3 Written for The Journal by Marcus W. Robbins

Hercules and the Wagoner. A carter was driving a wagon along a country lane, when the wheels sank down deep into a rut. The rustic driver, stupefied and aghast, stood looking at the wagon...

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