The working class-may they always be right, but the working class right or wrong.

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#### THE MINERS OF JOPLIN

Repudiate the Coeur de Alene Scabs---Send Money to Help the Colorado Strikers---The Employment Office Dodge Worked by Mine Owners

The miners of Joplin, Mo., have forwarded a donation of \$164.50 to the Telluride and Cripple Creek strik-The communication from the Central Labor Union which accompanied the money, says:

"No longer will the inhuman, lying deceivers of men work their 'graft' in herding miners in this district, to act as strike breakers in the west. This infamy has been a disgrace to Joplin in the past, and, thank God, the miners here have come at last to an understanding of what it means. Permit me to say that it was not viciousness of heart or of purpose which prompted the Joplin miners to act the part of strike breakers. It was ignorance of facts, and the deception practiced by the employment agencies acting as 'heelers' for your enemies. The Mine Owners' association even now advertises. 'No trouble in Telluride or Cripple Creek; union wages, \$3.50 and \$4, for eight hours'

as we could the work of organization.

#### MACHINISTS' REFERENDUM.

Endorsed Socialism and Industrial Unionism and Opposed Sammy.

At the last national convention of the International Association of Machinists, a resolution was passed which was a practical endorsement of Socialism and which defined the class struggle in an excellent man-The organization then proceeded to take a referendum vote in regard to this question and several others of importance. The result is given below:

For industrial organization in preference to trade autonomy: YES, 4,544; NO, 1,650; majority in favor, 2,894.

fority in favor, 2,440.

That the A. F. of L. should indorse Socialism: YES, 4,403; NO, 1,963; ma-

That the delegates to the A. F. of

To the unthinking miner these inducements were too tempting to resist, but let it be understood Joplin has been held accountable for men who never say this district. One method used by your enemies has been to have employment agencies to send men into this district, with the understanding that there was work in the mines and on fictitious railroads for them, thus placing them here in a stranded, helpless condition, driving them, through lack of material necessities to ship west and 'scab' in order to escape starvation. I do not endeavor to excuse those who would wilfully 'scab,' but want it understood that there is just as good material here to make union men out of as anywhere else in the world, and we will demonstrate it in the future.

The Labor Union of Joplin received the representative of the . Western Federation of Miners with open arms, and I believe we have aided insofar

fice: YES, 2,705; NO, 3,603; major-

ity against Gompers, 898. The returns came in too late to be

of use at Boston.

THE SLAVE PEN.

The Malleable Iron Works of Day ton. Ohio, the now paying a minimum scale of \$5.60 per week for competent men. Ten hours constitute a day. These works are becoming known as a slave pen. Their help is imported from Poland and Hungary. The firm is rated high in the business world. but the employe is starved. Are the interests of capitalists and laborers identical? Workingmen, say so by their acts when they vote the employers' ticket. It's funny, though, how one prospers at the expense of the other's misery. Does that give you an idea, my "pure and simple" brother? If so, don't lose it. Ideas L shall vote to retain Gompers in of- | are valuable.

#### **COLORADO FEDERATION**

Make Demands---Are Given a "Pacific" Answer-Resolutions Adopted

The convention of the Colorado State Federation of Labor carried the war into Africa when it appointed a committee to call on Governor Peabody with a list of demands, says a Denver paper. The committee visited the governor and by direction of the convention demanded the follow-

First, that the militia be with drawn from San Miguel and Telle: counties; second, that any deported citizens of a community shall be allowed to return to their homes and be permitted to enjoy the same rights as any other citizen of the state who is not a member of organized labor and that no vag order shall be en forced against self-supporting citzens simply because they are out of work: third, the committee is direct ed to inform the governor that in the event he rejuses to allow deported citizens to return to their homes and exercise their lawful rights this con vention will carry the cases of these citizens to the highest court in the land and will support their rights to the full extent of the resources of crganized labor of the state; fourth the committee shall submit its de mands in writing and request a written reply from the governor as soon as practicable.

Peabody gave a pacific reply to the demands.

During the deliberations' of the body telegrams of endorsement and sympathy were received from the Washington State Federation and also from the Missouri body. The latter in addition to its moral support tendered financial aid.

The resolutions adopted by the Federation condemn the state administration and the corporation and associations involved in the present la bor war; declares the fight is for the right to organize; charges Peabody with conspiracy; denounces the var military act, and in conclusion says Whereas, Free speech has been

strangled, the press muzzled and the writ of habeas corpus suspended by military imperialism, backed by bristling bayonets; and,

"Whereas, The presence of an armed soldlery in Teller and San Miguel counties was for the sole use and benefit of the Mine Owners' association in their warfare against or ganized labor, and not to preserve law and order as neither were being violated: now, therefore, be it

"Resolved, That the delegates and representatives of organized labor in convention assembled, condemn and denounce the assaults of the state administration upon the rights and liberties of chizenship, by trampling under the iron heel of military despotism every principle of the organic law of the state;

"Resolved, That we are unalterably opposed in placing upon the shoulders of the taxpayers, the expense incurred by the state militia while quartered in the strike regions during the years of 1963 and 1964;

"Resolved, That the membership of this convention, representing 50,000 members of prganized labor in Colorado, will wote for no candidate for the fifteenth general assembly who will not pledge himself in the event of his election, to use his vote and influence against ary and every measure looking to the payment of a single dollar of the expense referred

"Resolved. That when the reign of military anarchy is at an end in this state, we urge the membership of organized labor throughout Colorado to come to the aid of the martyrs of 'bull pen' imprisonment, so that the wrongs and outrages from which they have suffered may be righted in the courts:

"Resolved, That we commend and admire the gillant and unflirching battle of the Western Federation of Miners and the United Mine Workers of America, who have bared their breasts to corpora'e power, and who are now forcing greed to hoist the white fing:

"Resolved, That we urge the mem-bership of organized labor to estabco-operative stores wherever possible that unionism may success. fully measure steel with that-band of brigands and pirates who have registered their names upon the roll of the Citizens' alliance:

"Rescived. That we call upon the membership of organized labor in every city, town and hamlet and every liberty loving citizen of the state, to march to the polls in November, 1904, and bury the present administration so deep beneath an avalanche of ballots that a million blasts from Gabriel's trampet wil not be able, to awaken it from political oblivion."

An assessment of 25 cents a week was ordered levied upon every member of the Colorado State Federation of Labor for the purpose of rendering ald to such of the strikers as needed it. This revenue will be used largely to swell the strike fund of the Western Federation of Miners. The resolutions make this assessment operative until such time as the officials of the federation should deem it no longer necessary,

#### UNION MEN ACQUITTED

Appoint a Committee to Wait Upon Governor Peabody and After a Thirty-Six Days Trial, in which Citizens Alliance Put on all the Evidence, Idaho Springs Men Found Not Guilty

> The defense in the Sun and Moon I much smaller than the sticks of powcase of Idaho Springa; Colo., which has been tried at Georgetown, Colo., have thoroughly riddled the case of the prosecution and this without offering any testimony of their own, but relying entirely on the testingony of the Citizens' ciliance witnesses. It was shown by their own testimony that the transformer was blown up the hill, whereas if Fire and his companions had rolled the keg against the house from the point where Fire was found the force of the explosion would have driven the building down the hill. Again, it was shown that the bung hole of the keg was very

wer, which would have necessitated a long time in improvising the bomb. since it would have been necessary to pour the powder in. Another point made was that had the keg rolled down the hill it would have struck the shaft house, rather than the transformer. It was shown that Bate, the union member whose testimony was given against his brothers, was arrested with others, but was bailed out by Citizens' alliance members, after which he was coached in his evidence by the prosecution lawyers.

The miners were acquitted, the trial lasting thirty-six days.

#### BY MACHINERY.

The Court Reporter Can Take a Va-.. cation By and Bye While a Cy-linder Holds Their Jobs.

Thomas A. Edison has perfected his commercial phonograph and made it praticable for taking court testimony. The record is capable of taking several "letters;" it can be shaved 175 times, making it as cheap as letter paper. It is said with one pair of machines one typewriter con do the work of eight under the present sys-

THE UNION CO-OPERATIVE CO.

The Union Co-Operative Co., of Pueble, which was launched by some of the union members of that city, is meeting with much success, according to the Labor Advocate. Over 5,000 shares of stock have already been sold and the balance is selling at the par value of \$1.

The store is a headquarters for union men. It is proposed to place a portion of the receipts of the business in a sinking fund to assist local unions. When the New Castle miners were burned out, says The Advocate, the co-operative store sent them clothing, shoes, underwear, etc. It is proposed to eract a labor temple on the same plan. While not familiar about it.

DEFINATION OF CRIME

Grafting Legislative Pot House Politicians Determine for the

Multitude-Big Thieves versus Little Thieves

-Christianized while We Wait

with modus operandi in detail of this company, The Journal feels confident the purposes are noble and wishes the promoters success.

THE DANCE OF DEATH.

Competition Was Not "the Life of Trade," but It Was the death of His Wife, However.

A jobber in candles of New York has brought suit against the candy trust. He charges the latter with having destroyed his business and thereby not alone ruined his existence, but driven the partner of his life, his wife, insane and into death,

IT WAS NOT MENTIONED.

Monster Gathering of Working class at Chicago Was Ignored by the Press.

The Socialists of Chicago held a meeting recently in the largest public building in the city-the Coliseum -with an attendance of over 12,000 people. Eugene V. Debs was the speaker. Twenty-four Chicago trades unions took part in the ceremonies. The gathering was the largest and most impressive ever held in the west under the auspices of the Socialist party, but, as usual, the capitalist press had not a word to say

### A CAPITALISTIC VIEW

Mine Owners Plan of Campaign-Have a Legislation Fund-All Owners Assessed on Mine Output-Thinks They Might Fight Differently

The Mine Owners' association of | determining to do so. The Miners' Colorado, says the Great Falls Trib- union has surely as much right to exune, have adopted for themselves a fight against the Miners' union, they have determined to not only down that organization, but to bring about legislative and political conditions which will make them compete masters of the state in the future as they seem to be at present. The chances are that they have undertaken an impossible task, but time

This association is said to include practically al the mine owners of Colorado. They have divided the mines into four classes, according to the producing power of each mine. These are to be assessed in ratio of production so as to provide an annual fighting fund of \$30,000. There will be special assessments if necessary. The uses to which this money is to be put are stated, briefly, as follows:

First-For the detection and punishment of ore thieves.

Second-To permanently maintain the results of the fight they have been waging since the strike with the Western Federation of Miners.

Third-To control elections.

Fourth-To pay the necessary lobby and other expenses to secure a law from the coming legislature reimburs. need for the payment of the troops it and kept and that are yet in the d at their demand.

So far as the first purpose is con-erned, there can be nothing but ap-roval. The mine owners have pob-sly a legal right to fight the Miners' on, if they see fit, but a good many ple will question both their judg-at and their sense of fairness in

ist and to fight as the Mine Owners' association has . A spirit of conciliation would be much better for both sides in the long run.

It will probably be news to most people that the mine owners are paying for keeping troops in the field; and if such is the case it is a very unwise policy on the part of the state to permit that to be done. If the troops are really needed to protect life and property the state should provide them at its expense. If they are not so needed that the state can rightfullys pay them they should not be in the field.

It is the third proposal, however, that will awaken energetic opposition. When any class organization anounce a purpose to try ot control elections it invites the opposition of ly assures defeat for itself. That will probably be the result of the political efforts of the Colorado Mine Owners' association, and it should be the re-

The Tribune forgets that the mine owners are capitalists; that the legislation which they desire will be legislation in the interest of capital; that all present legislation which runs the gauntlet of the Supreme court is in the interest of capital and therefore, we already have class legislation and will continue to have it. The chief point to be settled in Colo-rado is, in the interest of which class shall legislation be enacted? So long as the workers divide at the polls capitalism will reign supreme, and it is the aim of the mine owners to so divide them. When they unite politically the mine owners' corruption fund will fall short of its purpose.

The Wertheimer Schwartz Shoe Co.'s representative is now trying to place its goods in Montana and an agent is now touring the state. This house has locked out the A. L. U.

A SCAB SHOE HOUSE

They use the scab label of the Tobin Boot and Shoe Workers, which

shoemakers of St. Louis and is work

ing incompetent scabs and ex-con

they perhaps bought from the odor. executive board. Merchants ous should be warned that the clean union labor of Montana will not stand for the patronage of the unfair Wertheimer Schwartz Shoe Co. Send a communication or a committee. Montana has already organized two of the biggest cigar factories of the east. They can do as much for a

#### THIRTY-FIVE THOUSAND

Carpenters Ordered to Surrender Blo Bunch to the Amalgamated Wood Workers.

The A. F. of L. convention recently ruled that the Carpenters and Joiners should surrender 35,000 men to the Amalgamated Wood Workers. Th officers of the two bodies after a ference failed to agree. Anoth meeting for the same purpose will be held shortly.

#### HE WAS RATTLED.

Parry Slipped a Cog in Hie Om Address, But the Papers Cut it Out.

An Omaha member of the A. L. U.
writes us that D. M. Parry, in his
address to the Business Men's Union
of that city, became rattled and made
the remarkable (for him) statement
that if he "were a workingman" he
would ghoose between the labor union

and "the peaceful ballot box brand of Socialism" and would take the latter. The daily papers, however, did not report him thus and he probably edited his speech for them. Well, Mr. Parry we will take both. We will build up our unions on as nearly perfect principles of effectiveness possible, because we need them while the present capitalistic system endures, and meanwhile we will use the "peaceful ballot box brand" to change the system.

#### WHILE DOCTORS "PRACTICE."

Mortality Tables Will Hump Themselves While Medicos Acquire Some Knowledge.

A Philadelphia scientist thinks he has discovered a chemical which will yet so chesp that it will be within reach of every physician for experi-mental purposes. The mortality ta-bles will please prepare to go upward. Mrs. R. F. Orr, one of the pioneers purifiers of Chicago have "chipped of the organized labor movement, who is now a member of the Chi. hunt out and punish their criminals. cago Federal Labor, Union, A. L. U., has this to say regarding a movement which is attracting much attention in that city, which she terms "Christianizing Chicago While We Walt:" "At present there is a great sensa-

tional revival of hunting out and delivering over "criminals" in our city. It is almost needless to say it is a capitalist raid against our poor, helpless victims of the system of traffic which the lawmakers have always kept in force. When a trust promoter or a great dividend holder in any of our wealthy corporations gets en thusiastic and warmed up over the subject of our "great criminal class," he invariably asserts that a threat against the private ownership of the necessities of life is now the greatest crime on the calendar, and the basic reason for the existence of a "eriminal class." Are vagrants who are now hunted down by our "flying police squadron," and who constitute one of the largest fractions of the imprisoned, a class that threatens the existence of society?"

These vagrants are non-union men on strike for more jobs and more pay; they want more capitalists and more wages, and are we to believe that if more exploiters and more men were exploited, the world would be better off? Well do we know that the capitalist would have all strikers in or out of unions proved as crimfnals, who do not work night and day to increase the private owner-ship of wealth—hence their law, prisons, courts, etc. The would-be If we ask them "what is a criminal?" they tell us a man who has been convicted of crime. What is crime? Something that capitalist legislators say is wrong. Think of it, something that a mob of pot house politicians in our various legislature halls declare to be an act they want some men punished for, and all know they are big thieves trying to punish little thieves. Undoubtedly, there are brutalized

men in jail and the greedy trust combines have many more that ought to be there, but why does the "common jall bird" alone stand as an object of society which the moneyed men are hunting down? While the corporations are discharging men by the hundreds and thousands and sending them out to hunt for another job, the stockholders and "leading citizens" are putting up money to send out detectives and police to search our cheap lodging houses and all whom they find are not working are to be punished as vagrants. And these rich men belong to our churches, call themselves Christians and parade as the protectors and saviors of

Will the workers wake up? Will the men who by their labor feed and clothe and house there rich mer, see who are the real criminals? Will the voters stip go on and vote the old werty tickets and artin and again place in power the forcer cent. of the people that the for -- sent, the working class. and ground by the latel of America's

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#### CHANGED CONDITIONS.

Out of the smoke and carnage of the conflicts of the American revolution, a new republic arose and was added to the nations of the earth. A new Magna Charta, a new charter of liberty, was granted the people of the world. This advanced bill of rights was framed not by the signers of the Declaration of Independence, not by the patriot band, who took their lives in their hands, not by the men who loved liberty more than life, but by the "practical" men, the merchant class, the profit monger, the money loaning class, whom Webster said were unfit to sit in the chambers of congress.

Such men were naturally anxious for a constitution which would give their possessions the first importance. They argued that since getting property was the aim of every member of society it was therefore the duty of government to protect property rights. Their aim was not alone to protect their holdings, but their methods as well. The result of their labors was an instrument which guarantees the greatest degree of human liberty compatible with individual acquisition and retention of property.

In the decades following, the historic class struggle was but obscurely manifest. The great natural wealth of the country, the vast stretches of unoccupied territory, gave free access to the earth to every human being. There was neither millionaire nor pauper. The transition from the working class to the middle class was comparatively easy. Individual property rights had not yet attained the point of interference with human life. No man depended on another for the right to maintain life. The methods of production were simple and the tools within the easy reach of all. Contentment, peace and plenty ruled the land.

Such were the conditions in the America of sixty years ago.

With the enthronement of corporations following on the heels of the Civil War, the progress of inventive genius, the development of industry and commerce, the times have changed. That golden era when every man might become his own employer, when the word servant was practically unknown in America, has given place to one in which "those who have not" are prostrate at the feet of those who have. The right to work has become merely a privilege vouchsafed us by the masters of the earth and revokable at their good pleasure. The blue ticket and the blacklist are fraught with as much deadly meaning as was the approach of the Asiatic plague to our ancestors. The class struggle in all its repulsiveness is on today in the American republic. Every day the fight is becoming more severe. There can be but one outcome, the historic one, which is the annihilation of one or the other of the contending forces. Either the working class or the capitalistic system must perish. There can, in the very nature of things, be no compromise between forces so directly antagonistic to each other. The outcome cannot long be delayed. Drunk with power and arrogant from success, the capitalist class is throwing aside many of the sophistries and subterfuges which have proven so useful to ruling classes of the past to keep a people in subjection. Our ruling class, relying on bruto force and the seductive power of the dollar, is rushing the conflict to a speedy finality.

#### UNFAIR SHOE FACTORIES.

Members of the American Labor Union are requested to take notice that the following shops are unfair to our brothers of St. Louis Boot and Shoe Workers. Union men should avoid their good when making purpurchases:

The Werthelmer Swarts Shoe Co.'s Clover Leaf brand shoes.

The La Prelle Shoe Co.'s Heart and Arrow brand shoes.

The John Meire Shoe Co.'s shoes. The Hamilton Brown Shoe Co.'s shoes.

The Johansen Brothers' Shoes. Southern Shoe Co.'s shoes.

All these firms have either locked out their employes or coerced them fato joining the Boot and Shoe Workers' union.

These names are furnished by the joint executive board, United Shoe Workers' union, St. Louis, affiliated with the American Labor Union. A. J. LAWRENCE, Sec'y.

Chicago city and federal employers have formed a co-operative company. The maximum number of shares of stock to a member will be ten at \$1 each. Assessments may be levied. The ostensible purpose is to cultivate land in Old Mexico. The real purpose is to form a labor union and establish a fund to influence legislation. Six thousand are already in Ahem! Wouldn't it be just as well to try voting instead of lobbying?

"Tis not by guilt, the onward march Of Truth and Right, Oh God, we stay

But by our follies that so long We hold the earth from heaven away."

The founders of the American republic were not "reformers;" they were revolutionists. Had they been reformers they might have been satissed with the repeal of a tax or they might have "fused" with some British faction for the overthrow of George and the elevation of some other ruler. Being revolutionists, however, they struck not at the monarch, but at monarchy. The working class of Colorado might learn wisdom by their example.

The founders of capitalistic governments sagely decided that, s the getting of property was the chief aim of every member of society, it was the duty of governments to promuch do you expect to acquire on an average of \$400 per year? Does your interests lie with a property protecting government or with a life protecting government?

There is to be a franchise election in Butte at which only tax payers shall be permitted to wite. Watch

the returns and learn how many property owners there are in the city Enquire further and find how many of these property owners are of the

working class.

The executive council of the A. F. of L. waited on Speaker Cannon and "requested consideration of the eighthour and auti-injunction bill." Wouldn't it make you sick. A body which numbers thousands of wage workers and has a moral influence with tens of thousands more sending its representatives to cool their heels in the ante room of a corporation hired man's office in order to prefer a request for legislation against the interests of his masters? Working men, keep out of politics, so others can get in.

When workingmen are marconed for refusing to scab, what will they not try to do with us by and bye if we continue to insist that this shall be a government of the people by the people-the working people.

Pope Plus is out with an encyclical in which he declares that Catholic employers must pay just wages. Why, they always do-from their standpoint:

The Progressive Worker, a neat four-page, five-column weekly, has made its appearance at Grand Rapids. Mich. It is gotten out by the Co-Op-erative Publishing Association .

It seems to be as difficult for churchmen to get a grasp on our present industrial system as it is for college men to recognize the class struggle as a concrete fact.

The national convention of the So-lalists will be held in Chicago or May 1, 1994.

THE BARBER'S SMOKER.

One of the most enjoyable smokers of the season was that given by the Butte Barbers' Union No. 21, A. L. U., on Monday of last week, the regular meeting night, in the cozy hall over the Red Boot on Main street. The regular business was disposed of at 9 o'clock and President D. J. Smith appointed Joe Lease chairman of the social session. "Joe" selected a conple of heavy weight policemen and at once proceeded to discover "talent"among the boys present. Stories were told and songs sung by the different victims. Some of the songs like some of the stories, were good, but the audience invariably pronounced every effort "rotten" and insisted on the "offender" being fined. "Suds." cigars, ham and chicken sandwiches, etc., were distributed in abundance. The singing by the quartette and the instrumental music rendered were exceptionally good. A number of visitors were present and all enjoyed themelsves hugely.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

The claim has been made that under the new constitution the executive board of the A. L. U. had complete control of the treasury of local unions. Is this correct?

J. H. F. Butte.

It is not correct. The treasury of local union belongs to the local union and to no one else.

Who is the supreme power in the A. L. U., and how may the constitution be changed?

Helena.

The supreme power rests with the rank and file of the membership. Alteration or repeal of any law may be obtained by a national, international or local union of the A. L. U. numbering 6 per cent, of the membership by demanding the submission of the proposed change to a referendum vote. New laws may be enacted in the same way.

#### NOTES OF THE AMERICAN LABOR UNION

borers and Excavators' Union of Chicago made application to the American Labor Union for a charter. It was granted. Within the past month John Fitzpatrick has been granted a charter from the A. F. of L. for a union bearing the same name and launched for the purpose of wrecking the old organization. This is the organization that tried to have folks believe that the A. L. U. was engaged in the union wrecking business. The Chicago incident is not the first occasion where treachery to the working class has been shown. It remains to be seen whether the fairminded rank and file of the unions of Chicago are going to permit this sort of thing to be practiced in their city. Such things precipitate war among the workers and war is not conducive to the welfare of either party.. The A. L. U. has ever recognized the rights of every organized union. It has never organized a union in opposition to a union of the same craft or calling. It is entitled to the same consideration which it has shown others. The organization which denies it this much to others has no cause for complaint if others adopt the same tactics.

The American and Canadian councils of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers were chartered on Jan. 14 by the American Labor Union. The A. S. of E. is one of the richest labor organizations in the world and its branches are to be found wherever the English tongu is spoken. The United States membership is over 3,000. The headquarters of the main organization is Manchester, England. The main office in this country is New York city. This powerful organization has come without solicitation and without reservations, into the ranks of the A. L. U.

The Teamsters' Union of Anaconda had a royal good time at the installation of the officers. Following the installation ceremony a social time was enjoyed by all who were present. The officers installed follow: James McFarland, president; Milton Stafford ,vice-president; Arthur Sweeney, recording secretary; William Crawford, financial secretary; Archie Clark, treasurer; Frank Davis, J. Carder and John Balkovatz, trustees; Milton Stafford, Arthur Sweeney and Frank Davis, delegates to the Trades and Labor council.

One of the stanchest friends of the Journal and of organized labor as a whole, is J. M. Zelle of Sisson, Colo., according to the boys in the union at that place. When the W. F. M. assessment was ordered Zelle, although not a member of a union, assessed himself also. He handles nothing but label goods. This is not written to knock other merchants, but simply in recognition of one who is reported to be a friend by the union men and it is by their request.

It is rumored at Telluride that Herron, manager of the Tomboy mine, has lost his mind as a result of the strain of "breaking up the union" He is now in California, and raves, it is said, almost continuously about the scabs, shouting, Take away the every one of them, etc. The men who were deported to Montrose have started an eating house. The federal union is not permitted to meet. It is a war on all organized labor.

"Am very much pleased with yo paper. It has the right ring. I read a part of it to my neighbors and we agreed to send you a dollar each to the Cripple Creek miners, so you will and enclosed \$3 from Thompson and myself. The third party, Modit, will forward \$1 also," says E. C. Johnson, of Puyallup, Wash.

Woman's Protective Union elected Mrs. Anna Biddle as president. Miss Bridget McMahon was elected to this

Nearly a year ago the Street La- 1 office in December, but owing to business engagements was unable to quality. The office of secretary and treasurer are combined. It is proposed to establish an office for the business agent in the near future.

> The Butte Miners' Union two weeks ago decided to drop the Idaho State Tribune from its list through the belief that James Sovereign was still its editor. On the mistake being discovered, however, the action was rescinded by an almost unanimous vote and the miners will send in their usual bundle of subscriptions.

The Garment Workers of El Paso, Tex., are pushing along nicely. The demand for labels is steadily increasing, showing that the members patronize their own goods. This union will have the A. L. U. constitution and by laws printed in Spanish for the benefit of a large Mexican element who are becoming unionized.

The St. Louis shoe shops find scab herding a very difficut business. The A. L. U. boys are placing their label on a slipper. In a little while our boys will be able to get their own label on a complete line of their footwear.

An A. L. U. Federal has been organized in Omaha with a good membership. The boys say they took this step because they wanted to start the new year right. Every one is talking solidarity.

The United Brewery Workers of Paducah, Ky., subscribe for a bundle of Journals for 13. No matter where found the brewery worker is a progressive workingman.

It affords the Journal much pleasure to report that President George Estes of the U. B. of R. E., who has been ill for some time, is now rapidly regaining his health.

Hon. John M. Sparks, governor of Nevada, has forwarded his personal check for one hundred dollars as a donation to the Western Federation of Miners strike fund.

Hope, Idaho, Labor Union reports that they have been successful in their recent difficulty and everything is now quiet.

A J. U. Grain Counter Workers of Lynn, Mass., announces the American Express Co. of that city as being on the unfair list.

Calgary General Laborers No. 305 donated \$5 to the W. F. M., in addition to the regular assessment. Good

Chicago Federal Union No. 454 is doing splendid work. Thirty new members were initiated at the last meeting.

Denver Beer Bottlers and Drivers' Union has donated \$50 to the W. F. M. in addition to the regular assess-

Locals of the U. B. of R. E. are contributing to the W. F. M. Re Nev., No. 8, forwards \$5; Oakland No. 12 sends \$6.50.

The Anaconda Mill and Smeltermen gave a grand ball on Jan. 15 in ald of the Colorado strikers. A large browd was in attendance.

Fred Gambold has been elected easurer of the Actors' Alliance Local No. 474, A. L. U.

John Brandstetter of San Francisco forwards \$2 to swell the circulation of the Journal

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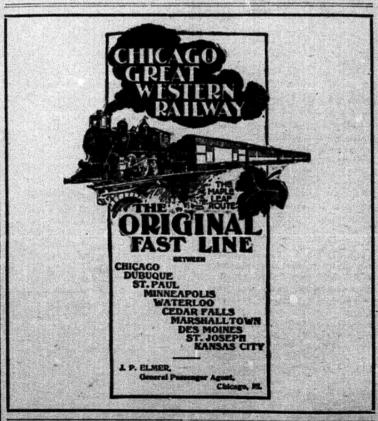
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#### NEWS NOTES FROM FIELD OF LABOR

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Those Who Are Not "Satisfied With Lot That God Has Assigned,"

Must Get Out. Edr. American Labor Union Journal. I have been employed in the O. R. & N. shops at this place about six weeks. On last Thursday notices were posted to the effect that the shops would be closed on Friday (New Year's day), that being a national holiday.

On Saturday I did not return to work because I did not feel well This morning (Monday) I reported at the shops for duty and was handed a piece of paper that read like this: . Chief Clerk: Please give Wes Mayfield his time. His services are dispensed with on this

No reasons were given me for this treatment, but I said to the "boss" who gave me the order for my time that I could see through the whole thing. You see, I am a member of the American Labor Union and have been doing a little "too much" talking" among the boys, and in a nonunion shop as the O. R. N. is there are always some "suckers" without principle and who will do you an injury while you are striving for their good.

one of those unprincipled lads who 'gave me away," as it is called. However, I did not lose much, as I was not making enough to pay my rent and support my family decently.

There are men in the O. R. & N. shops who are union men at heart, and quite a number of them have promised to join the A. L. U., I think perhaps we will initiate three or four of them tonight.

I wish I was able to send for 1,000 copies of the A. L. U. Journal to distribute among the working people here I think I could use 500 copies to good advantage in the O. R. & N. shops.

I know some union men there who wear their union buttons hidden beneath their coats. "What freedom we do enjoy." I have been told that the Jews were forced by persecution and oppression to unite. They have become the merchant princes and money kings of the world.

I wonder what our present industrial system will drive the laboring classes to. But this is not a religious battle, however, We are represented because we want to earn a decent living, not because we believe or disbeliave that there are more gods than

We are prosecuted for demanding what we produce—or a reasonable portion of it, and executed when we are driven to starvation and happen to steal a loaf of bread.

I admire a genteel, manly foreman one who knows how to treat men decently and speak to them gentlemanly, but a "tool" of a "boss" in the hands of a heartless corporation that uses him as a "tool" only-I must say that I take pleasure in despising such

You may force him to join a union, ubt you can never make a true union man or a good citizen of him. A man who is a union man or a citizen for policy sake, is neither a "good" citizen nor a "good" union man.

The A. L. U. boys are out for the good of mankind, and as the colored preacher said, "Womankind too." WES MAYFYELD.

THE RIGHT TO ORGANIZE.

A Teacher Expresses Views on Meeting of Deer Lodge Teachers' Association.

Edr. American Labor Union Journal. It must be highly gratifying to the Deer Lodge County Teachers' Union to note that some of the resolutions passed by the State Teachers' Association which recently convened at Anaconda, partook largely of the coloring of the resolutions-per aining to the educational question—passed the convention of the A. L. U. held at Denver some time ago.

It is manifest that the select few who have been directing the destinies of the educational conventions of this state have not only read the retions passed by the A. L. U., but have read between the lines as well. The committee failed, however, to present to the association that part of the resolutions relating to the organization of teachers.

Perhaps they thought it degrading ganization of the rank and file of the eachers and the affiliation of the same with labor bodies. Perhaps they do not know that the

conditions affecting the organizati have been formally recognized by the National Educational Association in the appointment of an investigating committee of seven, with the former United States commissioner of labor as chairman; that the organized teachers are here to stay; that it is their policy to appeal through the national association to the intelli-gence of both the public and the lead-ers of educational thought; that so-ciety has become conscious of the

subject of education and educators are forced to become conscious of everything that affects society; that there is a close relation between the problems of social evolution and those which are created by the development of educational institutions under our form of government. And while it is true that our laws are lacking in proper provision for industrial equities and that ideals of democracy have never prevailed in the field of school administration, nor are the schools as an institution anything more than a survival of medievalism, it is also true that the rights of teachers, even the disfranchised, are so safeguarded by public sentiment as to make freedom of speech and of organization indisputaably theirs. M. M. M.

THE DISCREDITED TOOLS.

Writhe at Exposure-Class Conscious Unionism Grows Apace.

Edr. American Labor Union Journal. With the beginning of the new year, the outlook of the American Labor Union in Lewiston, Idaho, is brighter than at any time since the dull summer months, when so many laborers leave the city for the mountains and highlands. New interest is being manifested by old members, and new members have been added, who are loyal, consciencious workers for union labor. The "grafter tools," who tried at the last city election to sell the labor union to the capitalists, and were set down on so hard by the loyal members of the union, to show their keen disappointment and give vent to their spite and spleen against the American Labor Union, immediately sought the advice of the "no politics in unions" labor leader (except capitalistic politics) how to down our organization.

He hastened to give them a plan, which he was to father, Mark (\$) Hanna of the Civic Federation would encourage and D. M. Parry, president of the National Association of Manufacturers, and chief union wrecker, would ably second. They accepted his plan, and like thieves in the dark, without taking honorable withdrawal cards, left their comrades, who had manfully fought for and aided them.

They secured a charter from the American Federation of Labor, dated from the famous city of chief grafters and boodlers of the nation, Washington, D. C. The charter, emblaz-oned with a roll of honor (?) called charter members, quickly made its public appearance. The secret instructions of how to down union labor by pretending to be its friends by creating splits, dissensions and jealousies were at once agitated and followed. A committee of "ways and means," to break down the union, was at once formed, consisting of "Tricky Johnny," "Buster Bill' and "Johnny-Jump-Up," with a few able seconds.

They at once began an underhand campaign of calumny and misrepresentation in this city against the American Labor Union. Many were misled and deceived, while many more became disgusted with what purported to be a fight among labor men and dropped labor unions altogether. All this encouraged the gang mightily. They were patted on the back and in every way encouraged by the bourgeoisie of the city, while they were condemned, despised and denounced by the loyal class conscious laborers. Had this committee, and qualifications," used as much of their energy, time and influence to build up union labor in this city as they did in serving their capitalistic masters in tearing union labor down, we would have had a solid, compact and almost invincible labor organization here by united effort.

In their ardor to tear down union labor and build up a sparodic, irresponsible and isolated organization, subject to their own tyrannical rule or ruin policy, they disarranged the sheepskin and exposed the wolf beneath. Their membership refuse to be sold to the old parties at the next election. They strenuously object to voting their capitalistic masters into office, to make laws to destroy labor's independence by injunction, police club and military tyranny. The capitalistic city council here are now in a wrangle among themselves over the city contracts, which promises to reverse Tom Sawyer's great resolution-never suily piracy by dishon-

The city papers have been teeming with accounts of charges and counter charges, criminations and recriminations, made by members of the city council at their sessions, while every effort is being made by interested parties to hush the scandal up.

boring man or woman can afford to cast a hallot for the continuation of the grafting, boodling, corrupt cap. the grating, nooding, corrept cap-tialistic old party politics. Every in-boring man and woman should read the constitution of the American La-

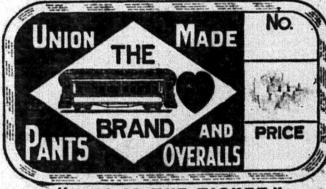
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#### INTER-DEPENDENCE OF WORKERS

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Collective Effort.

Adam Smith says in his "Wealth of Nations" that one man making pins could scarcely make 10 pins a day, whereas 10 men working together, each performing a single operation, could make 48,000 pins in a day, thereby increasing the productive power of the individual 480 fold. The enhanced productivity of the workers is the result of combination. At an early age men received the idea that co operative labor was more remunerative than the isolated effort of the individual, and they combined their forces to accomplish great results. It is evident to the most careless observer that every individual in the combination is essential for the complete triumph of the enterrpise. If one member of the combination would withdraw, not only would the total product be correspondingly diminished, but the net results to each individual would be less than before, for when there were 10 men in combination each worker received, as his portion, 4,800 pins; whereas, since there are only men employed, each will get less than that amount, because the productive power of each is reduced by the reduction of the co-operative factors. Now as the 48,000 pins are produced by the 10 men working together, every one should receive the same, and hence each individual should get 4,800 pins. This is an illustration of co-operative production where each contributes his share of the labor and receives an equal share of the wealth produced by the combined efforts of the whole.

Wage System. If we extend the above example and include every industry of the nation, where the millions of toilers work together in mine, on farm and in factory, each receiving his quota of the wealth produced by the combined efforts of all, we have Social ism. But this idea can be realized only when the people who produce the wealth of the world own the instruments of production. Let us presume that the 10 men employed in making pins discover 10 more isolated individuals who are working alone, making only 10 pins a day. The isolated individuals would be giad to get employment where they could increase the product of their toll by 100 per cent, and cheerfully accept an offer to labor for the first 10 men for the paltry compensation of 20 pins a day. The first 10 could remunerate the second 10 with 200 pins a day from the product of 48,000 pins and have 46,000 as their portion. The first 10 would immediately be absolved from the necessity of laboring. and would retire and live on the toil of their ignorant brethren, who see nothing abnormal in the system which compels them to support 10 lazy parasites. But the parasites foresee the possible enlightenment of the benighted tollers, who, in realizing the injustice of social conditions. might eventually decide to utilize the the force of combination and to produce for themselves instead of supporting a host of useless members of society with the surplus wealth created by their labor, and to prevent this dire calamity the idlers constitute themselves the ruling class, appropriate the means of production and legislate for the protection of private property. With the private wnership of the land and m the means of producing wealth, the privileged class ar the masters of the situation, and can force the dispossessed to toll for them and give them all that they can create except what is barely sufficient to maintain the army of laborers.

Then and Now. Adam Smith says in the eighth chapter of "Wealth of Nations": that original state of things, which precedes both the appropriation of land and the accumulation of stock, the whole product of labor belongs to the laborer. Had that state con-tinued the wages of labor would have augumented with all those improvements in its productive powers to which the division of labor gives on. casion. All things would gradually become cheaper. They would have been produced by the smaller quantity of labor, and as the commodities produced by equal quantities of labor would naturally, in this state of things he exchanged for one another. they would have been produced likewise with a smaller quantity." Adam Smith speaks here only of the increased productivity arising from the division of labor, or the force of combination, and does not refer to the ultimate results of social factors, the product of the combined thought and labor of society, manifested in the marvelous disqueries and inventions of modern times. The purpose of civilization is to redeem man from the bondage of incessant toll, and nature intended that every new invention, every new machine, should, be utilized to diminish the intensity of the struggle for existence, to reduce the

hours of labor and give man more of the comforts of life and more liesure for mental recreation and develop-

What Might Have Been. Had the original laws regulating production and distribution, laws based on justice and equity, been ob-

served through all the ages, had every machine which had been invented been used for the benefit of humanity. today we could have all the luxuries of an advanced civilization for three hours of daily toll. But the machine, which is the product of social factors, being owned by the capitalist class, the laborer does not reap the product of his toll, and having no means of creating wealth for himself must accept the conditions imposed on him by those who own the means of production.

It Regulates Price.

Labor power is a merchandise,

which is sold like any other merchandise. But the cost of production regulates the price of every merchandise. The cost of producing labor power is the cost of maintaining the laborer and his family, and this is called the "iron law of wages." If our powers of productivity should increase one thousand fold the laborer would reap no benefit from the advancement, as his labor power would still remain a commodity, and would be sold in the labor market at the cost of production. Should we ever realize a state when machinery would be so perfect that society could dispense with labor power the toiler would be dismissed as a useless factor. Steam, electricity and other means of locomotion and transportation are dispensing with the necessity of horse power, and in another generation the equine species will be vastly diminished, owing to the fact that there will be no inducements to farmers to raise horse stock, and in the course of time the horse will be numbered among the extinct animals. Perhaps mankind will never reach the Utopian age, when labor will be no longer a necessity, but we have already reached the age when the supply of laborers is greater than the demand and the consequent result of this excess is, first of all, the reduction of wages to the lowest possible point, and, secondly, the supernumeries must meet with starvation and death. Whenever the supply of a commodity exceeds the demand the article is sold below the cost of production, and the capitalists abandon that line of industry till there is a new demand for the merchandise. In like manner, when the labor supply exceeds the demand labor power is sold below the cost of production or the necessary cost of maintaing the laborer and his family, and there is an enforced reduction of the toiling army by privations, starvation, infanticide and abstinence from matrimonial alliances, till the surplus is destroyed and the supply of laborers reaches the requirements of social production. Under such conditions the fate of the toiler in the future will be one of suffering, sorrow, desolation and death, by the inauguration of Socialism the machinery of the world would be utilized to dimin-

ish the struggle for existence. The Future.

The competitive system forces the capitalists to produce at the lowest cost, and they must economize to give icir patrons the benefit of commodities. A machine is invented which displaces half the labor power formerly required in the production of cloth. There are 1,000 men work ing in a cotton factory, and competition compels the manufacturer to buy the machine, in virtue of which he can now meet the requirements of the market with the labor of 500 men. The day is not far distant when the labor of 25,000,000 men will be able to produce enough to glut the market, and there will be 75,000,000 men seeking positions, for the most of the American people will be totally dispossessed and driven into the army of the proletariat within the next generation. The 70,000,000 will bid in the labor market for 25,000,000 positions, and this Intense competition will reduce wages to the point essential to produce the barest subsistence, and there will be 50,000,000 on the market-50,000,000 for the poor house and the pauper's grave. Fliminate Weste.

Under Socialism the 70,000,000 would be employed, each one getting every cent that he produces, and the hours of toil would be reduced to meet the requirements of production. With the elimination of the extravagant waste of competition, and by the abolition of the profit system, which is sustained by exploitation. the laborer, after paying for the raw the laborer, after paying for the raw material and the replacement of ma-chinery, would get all that he pro-duces, and at the most modest esti-mate his services would create one dollar's worth of net wealth every hour, and his remuneration would be valued at that sum. There would be PATRONIZE HOME INDUSTRY

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labor certificate, which would be given in exchange for services, and the same certificate would be accepted at the community store in payment for the comforts and luxuries of life. Let us presume that a shoemaker, under the competitive system, gets \$1.80 per day for his services, and in that time he makes six pairs of shoes, which sell at \$3 a pair. His family want six pairs of shoes for the winter, and the laborer must work 10° days to get the shoes. Under Social-

ism, by the elimination of waste and profits, the shoes could be placed on the market at 60 per pair, and the laborer would be able to purchase the necessary footwear for his family with the product of two days' labor, and he could thus enjoy all the comforts of life with two or three hours of toil every day, and the rest of the time he could devote to mental culture-Father McGrady in the Seattle Socialist.

Bellevue, Ky., July 28, 1902.

#### NEWS NOTES FROM THE FIELD OF LABOR

THE DISCREDITED TOOLS. (Continued From Page Three.)

bor Union and study carefully its recommendations, then hasten to ally themselves with the only body of organized labor that fearlessly advocates the ballot to secure to labor its just reward of toil-the full products of all they create.

THE OLD GUARD.

ORGANIZED TO STICK.

Those Things Which Are Caesar's, Render Unto Caesar-A New Emancipation Struggle.

The Journal correspondent of the Workingmen's Union No. 452 of Portland, Ore., in the course of a newsy letter, says:

Our local is progressing very nicely, considering the dull times which winter brings everywhere. We initiate a fellow occasionally—sometimes five or six at once, and we have initiated as many as fifteen and occasionally twenty at one meeting. Many have sent their hearts to us and say they will follow as soon as the weather permits.

These hearts we keep in a treasury known as the "treasury of friendship." We treat them with kindness wherever and whenever we meet them, and in the near future we expect to have them and thousands of others bound to us with a bond of love and friendship that no enemy on earth can sever. They will unite with us under the banner of the American

They are going to work and vote with us for the purpose of bettering the condition of themselves, their fellow workers and for the benefit of our posterity. We do not want what does not rightly belong to us. What we create by our labor, we want ourselves and it shows a spirit of injustice and dishonesty in any one who says that we are not entitled to it. We are tired of seeing our fellow

workingmen moping, creeping around like a lot of cringing cowards afraid to demand what is their own for fear of losing a job at which they are making barely enough wages to pay rent and support their families. We are trying to throw from our

shoulders this burden known as wage slavery. We want to be free men and we want the present industrial system buried so deep in oblivion that it can never be resurrected by the generations to come. We want our children to enjoy true

American freedom. We do not believe in "mock" freedom-we want nothing artificial—we simply want what is ours and we are going to have it. We are going to do our fighting, our striking, at the ballot

I am a southerner. I was raised among colored slaves, but in many instances 'the colored people were free when we compare their condi-tion with the condition of the white laborer of today, and there is but one way by which we can better our condition and that is to "get together and vote together." Organize and or-

ganize to stick.

The enemies of labor will ever have

their "tools" among us, sowing the seed of disruption, but we must trample such seed beneath our feet and never allow them to germinate. How can any one be heartless enough to be an enemy of labor is more than I can understand. But the world always has been infested by a lot of beasts, vicious and greedy enough to devour their benefactors.

When will the people be wise enough to evade these human leaches who are taking away their life's blood by keeping from them that which is their own and without which we cannot live decently and happily. I will tell you when that will be. "Ie will be when we unite al under one banner and proclaim our determination to become free men." It will be then and not until then.

Let us all unite under the banner of The American Labor Union.

GRAIN COUNTER WORKERS.

A. L. U. Boys of Lynn, Mass., Have a Jolly Good Time. The Grain Counters' Workers Lo-

cal 261, A. L. U., held forth in Odd Fellows' hall Friday evening, the occasion being the first grand entertainment and ball of that organization. The hall was very prettily decorated with potted plants, behind an attractive arrangement of which on the stage the orchestra was located. It was about 8 o'clock when the orchestra opened the evening's good time with an overture.

Stephen Mulkern was master of ceremonies. The first number of the entertainment, a song by Clarence Melanson, was so well received he was forced to respond to an encore. Miss Stanley, a banjo soloist, also did her work so well as to be obliged to appear a second time. She was followed by Miss Phyllis Parsons, who also received an encore. Miss Mabel Patten, the dancer, appeared next and was flatteringly received. H. J. Paige did a funny and pleasing black face monologue, followed by Miss Mae. Kenedy in a song and dance sketch, both numbers being well done and well received. A reappearance of Miss Patten, by special request, was the last number on the programme, and then the audience which had been in the balcony adjourned to the flor of the hall and dancing began. Mayor Eastham and several mem-

bers of the city government were in attendance during the latter part of the evening. During the intermission the usual refreshments were served, and when the time for breaking up came all present were united in the expression of the hope that this event would become an annual one in the social life of the organization.

The Flour Flour Mill Operatives of burn-Crosby flour unfair.

Story County, Nevada, Labor Union eports the death of the secretary of that organization. His name is not given. The directory of the A. L. U. gives the name of J. W. Kinnkin as secretary of 529. John C. Dewars has been elected in his stead.