The Railway Times, official journal of the American Railway union, says:

"Let it be understood that the A. R. U. has cut loose from both the old parties and that by a unanimous vote of its delegates in convention assembled it has been committed to the People's party. The A. R. U. will supply none of the fools who will soon be marching, shouting, carrying torches and making asses of themselves generally in the interest of the twin plutocratic monstrosities known as the Republican and Democratic parties.

To the Advertisers!

To the business men and advertisers of Duluth and West Superior we will say that the LABOR WORLD will be found one of the best advertising mediums at the head of the lakes. Our advantageous make-up places something of special interest to the many readers of the LABOR WORLD on each advertising page, thus calling their attention specially to your advertisement. Boycotted firms need not apply.

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With pleasure the LABOR WORLD announces to organized labor, and the public generally that we have been fortunate in securing James M. Murray to take charge of the subscription. Mr. Murray is a staunch advocate of labor unions and is thoroughly known and highly appreciated as a tireless and effective worker for the cause. Mr. Murray is the popular and efficient secretary of the Federated Trades Assembly of Duluth. Honest, capable and obliging. He will call on you and will convince you of the importance of supporting his paper. You will find him genial, courteous and gentlemanly.

The Waiters' Ball.

The ball given by the Waiters' Protective union No. 53 at Odd Fellows hall was a great success. Over 100 couples were in attendance and a good time was enjoyed by all. Music was furnished by Hurlburt's orchestra.

The committees were as follows: Arrangements — Thomas Savard, Frank McDonald, Miss Ida Peterson. Floor—Thomas Savard, Frank McDonald, William Carson, William Jamieson. Reception—Miss Galena Bonolore, George Plunkett, Miss Nora Davis, Guy Fox.

What Is Labor?

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What is Labor? Was the earth created for a hell? Is the Almighty a demon? Are the people on this earth doomed to want and starvation for no other reason than to satisfy the hellish greed of the few?

Much has been said and written about labor and its conditions in this country. Labor, which is sinking into ignorance and wretchedness. To discuss the Labor question intelligently we must first understand what labor is, its nature, object and scope.

Man was created to labor. In his organization nature emphasized its necessity, and at the same time exactly defines its limit. In each human organism is generated a certain amount of vital and muscular force. Not only a sufficiency for continued existence, but a surplus. Now this surplus must be expended in some direction or the body becomes feverish, nervous, and the the mind, in sympathy, becomes fretful, uneasy, finally producing disease. The application and expenditure of this surplus vital and muscular force on the agencies of human progress and upon the utilities of the purposes of life is Labor.

Nature intended that this surplus should be used in Labor; but nature intended this as the limit to which nature should extend the surplus force. No more, no less. When, however, this surplus vital and muscular force is all expended, and the effort is still continued at the expense of the capital, vital force, then it at first becomes disagreeable, then painful, and, finally, intolerable. This is no longer Labor, but drudgery.

Labor is at once a blessing and a benefit. Drudgery is alike a curse and a crime. Labor is a pleasure and a necessity. Drudgery is a painful punishment and utterly uncalled for. Labor elevates. Drudgery degrades. Labor enobles. Drudgery brutalizes. Labor strengthens and inspires. Drudgery weakens and dulls the mind.

To the large majority of toilers to-day work is mere drudgery, nothing else. Dreary, horrible and hopeless. The consequence is they come to loath and detest work. They are praying and hoping against hope to get above and out of it. They are seeking to avoid and evade it.

Not nature, nor nature's laws ever intended this degradation, but human laws and vicious systems have crunched Labor into want and starvation, ignorance and filth. Down into degenerated drudgery and worse. Drudgery, underpaid or unpaid, is slavery, pure and simple, nothing else. To such, Labor is a mere struggle for animal existence. For the means of a mere subsistance humanity, today, is divided into classes: Drudges and drones, both criminal and unnatural. Idleness is a crime because Labor is a duty. Drudgery is a crime because it is self murder. It is vicious and criminal to sanction or submit to either.

True Labor is creative and God-like. It is natural and the normal condition of every sane, healthy man or woman. Labor is every effort and aspiration. It shows the respect for the creator, who toils every day, but does not make it drudgery. Man or woman who does not do likewise is ignorant of the Creator or his intention. Whether of hand or head at improvement and progress, Labor is every day and a life-long educator and developer. Civilization is the crystalized labor of the past.

There is in the labor problem a philosophy involved and implied far deeper and greater than the matter of a few extra cents or dimes per day. He who does not comprehend this does not understand the issue and can do little to aid in its solution.

Labor is the greatest of all questions because it is the greatest factor in human progress.

Labor must be freed from ignorance and greed or the human family is lost. Reason must take the place of ignorance and superstition. Justice demands it. It is due. There is no escaping the truth The people must have truth and justice or sink into oblivion by the starvation route.

What is man as we find him today in the Labor world? Poor, degraded and brutalized; sunk in serfdom and savagery; toiling in pain and privation; weak, ignorant and impotent; hounded, persecuted and despised. Yea, even in this model republic of ours, we love to boast so much about freedom and wave a flag called Old Glory, which is disgraced by being the emblem of 70,000,000 ignorant corporation worshippers. A nation of people that worship a thief. A nation of people that always pick the most low, contemptible excuses of humanity for office; men that are absolutely destitute of all that is contained in true manhood. A nation of people that has a law-making power that is absolutely a disgrace to humanity! A nation that worship courts that are a disgrace to the worst despotism that is known in the history of mankind! I ask is it any wonder that laboring people are sinking into wretchedness and brutalized savagery in this country?

I read a few days ago of the manner in which the authorities in New York state proposed to murder a man for no other reason than that he was a tramp. They, of course, are ignorant of the causes that produce the tramp. These are the kind of men the people want in office in every branch of government. I ask what is a tramp and what made him so? Was it nature? Nature's God? Free (?) America! The fertile fields and boundless plains deny. The tramp is the victim and creation of partisan rule and class legislation. Laws have robbed him and now propose to murder him for no other reason than that he is poor. Despoiled, disinherited, persecuted wretch that the Creator intended for a man, erect, free and happy.

Men and women alike are doomed and damned so long as this system lasts. Little children are born in