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The regular meeting of the West Superior Trades and Labor Assembly will take place next Monday evening. If you are a delegate see that you attend, as it is a duty you owe to your union to attend the meetings of the Trades Assembly.

The Labor World would like to have a correspondent in every union throughout the surrounding country. It will not take much of your time and will help the cause of reform. It will help to keep each organization in touch with each other. Let us hear from you.

It is expected that the great hero of the A. R. U., Eugene V. Debs, will be in Superior some time in July, when the people of this city will again have an opportunity of listening to the champion labor leader. The A. R. U. is in a flourishing condition at the head of the lakes, and it is the intention to give Debs a great ovation on his arrival.

Readers of the Labor World and organized labor in general will do well to peruse the advertisements of the Labor World, and see that you make your purchases from those who advertise with us, especially recognizing the union label goods. By so doing you will help along the cause of the Labor World, as well as yourselves.

A committee from the Trades and Labor Assembly waited upon the ministers of the different churches recently, relative to preaching sermons in the interest of the laboring masses. Most of the clergy signified their willingness to do so if the committee would furnish them with the necessary statistics, etc. This is a step in the right direction, and it is needless to say that the committee is busy hustling the necessary information.

At the last meeting of the Trades Assembly Mr. J. H. Backmann, of the Cigarmaker's union, was elected as delegate to the State Federation of Labor, which convenes at Ra-

cine, Wis., June 6. Mr. Backmann is a staunch advocate of the cause of unionism and never misses an opportunity to lift his voice in its behalf. He has only been in the city a short time, but has proved himself to be worthy of the support given him as delegate to the State Federation of Labor. Mr. Backmann leaves for Racine this evening.

Mr. J. J. Williams, assistant state factory inspector, has been in the city during the past week looking into the matter of child labor. Mr. Williams is a very affable gentleman, and is very earnest for the welfare of the children who are being employed in our factories when they should be at school. He has made a thorough investigation of the different institutions in this city and was agreeably surprised on finding only two children under the age of fourteen years working in the factories here, and who he promptly discharged and sent home to their parents, at the same time giving the employees a few pointers of the law governing such cases. Mr. Williams tells of many heartrending experiences during his travels in different parts of the state, where he has found children not over nine years of age working in factories, and many others who were between nine and fourteen. Is it any wonder that so many idle men are walking our streets in search of work, when such conditions as these exist?

Situation of the Mill Men.

The Nailers and Packers who were out on a strike a short time ago have all gone back to work again in the different mills, with one exception, that of the Anchor mill, and it is to be hoped that ere long the difficulty with this mill will be settled. Some of the non-union men from the Imperial mill have recently been employed to take the place of the strikers, and in so doing Manager Anderson is not living up to his promises to the several committees who have waited on him, as he told them he would replace the old men as soon as vacancies occurred. The matter will be discussed at the next meeting of the Trades Assembly.

Coal Handlers Organize.

About 200 coal handlers and longshoremen assembled on Tuesday evening, June 2, at Silver King hall on Third street, for the purpose of furthering the plans of organization which was begun some weeks ago under the auspices of the American Federation of Labor. This body of men has been in an unorganized condition for a long time, and all efforts on the part of other organized unions to bring them in line have proved futile. But the time has come when the coal handlers and longshoremen realize that in order to offset the grasp of organized capital they must also organize themselves to accomplish their end—"that of living wages." The meeting in this respect was successful, a large number of those present adding their names to the already long list of membership, and it is safe to say that this union will be one of the largest if not the strongest, organized bodies at the head of the lake.

President John Polzin called the meeting to order in a few brief remarks, stating that the object of the meeting was to organize themselves into one strong body for the purpose of getting better acquainted with each other and that of protection against the strong arm of capital.

J. H. Backmann, of the Cigarmakers' union, addressed the meeting as to the benefits to be derived from organization, and stated that the mere fact of a man signing his name to a piece of paper would not make a union man of him, but he should see to it that he was present at every meeting of his union when it was possible for him to attend. The best Christian in the church always makes it a point to attend church as regularly as possible, and the same thing ought to exist regarding the attendance at union meetings. Continuing, Mr. Backmann said that where true organization existed among the trades unions there was seldom any struggle, but on the contrary, peace and happiness, and in case of difficulty arising, instead of the employer consulting with the employe individually, he would communicate with the foreman, who in turn