

**E Pluribus Unum.**

BLUNT.

Once a month the wage-earner looks upon this superscription as he draws his pay, the part of his product assigned to him by those whom by continuous encroachment have at last reached the state of monarch, minus the crown.

He ponders long and earnestly; out of many, one. At first sight he ejaculates pooh! it is a farce. There is no one-ness. It is a case of every-one for himself, and his Satanic majesty takes the hindmost, when he sees the grasping greed of those holding themselves up as paragons of humanity, sweating their employes six days a week, going to church on Sunday, beseeching those that are his employes to come with him to Heaven on the Sabbath, but on other days while in his employ will not allow them enough to keep body and soul together, thereby building up in the mind of men an intense hatred toward the profession. Again by his exceeding selfishness he is driving the pure-minded female to lives that will not bear the light of morality, and in the agony of doubt the toiling masses cries for deliverance, and queries whether the motto is meant for the Americans.

But courage, fellow wage-earner, there is a silver lining to every dark cloud, and out of the chaos comes system, a philosophical system that has to some extent and will continue along the course to solve the intricate problem. This is Trade Unionism pure and simple as is advocated, inculcated and in a measure enforced by the A. F. of L.

But the enforcement is not arbitrary rule. It is simply a recognition of right, and the following out of principle. Autonomy or self-government removes every chance of an autocratic or tyrannical rule.

Therefore our craft organizations are our salvation, federated into one colossal body. One as the water, yet as diversified as the waves. This truly shows the motto as authentic as the "eternal hills."

Now as never before, is the opportunity of manifesting the extent of our appreciation of this grand organization built on such a magnificent foundation as E Pluribus Unum. Men stand aloof from such an organization. *Damnans quod non intelligunt.* They condemn what they do not understand. This should not be the case; no one has

the moral or civil right to condemn what they cannot comprehend, and if the laboring (classes) masses would only consider for ten minutes there would be no more trouble to induce them to join their labor unions.

Brother workingman, please from now on think for yourself; don't use the thoughts generated under high silk hats, and often-times from the influence of champagne bought with the money extorted from you, and soon along the line of freedom gained by your own indomitable courage, you will reach the acme of our ambition, viz: Equal rights for all men and special privileges, none. Then out of the many, one consolidated mass, co-operation in principle, and progressive until perfected.

NEGAUNEE, MICH.

**Duluth Trades Assembly.**HUNTERS' HALL, }  
June 25. }

Meeting called to order by President C. M. Thomas. Credentials of W. A. Lovelace, D. J. Holmgren, H. A. Jackson, from the Iron and Steel Workers; Nels Anderson, J. Dworschek, Cigarmakers; John D. Hays, Electrical Union; C. G. Firovid, Barbers, were read and delegates seated.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

**REPORTS OF UNIONS.**

A. A. I., good; bakers, absent; butchers, all working; barbers, fair; boiler makers, absent; bricklayers, absent; coopers, dull; boycott still on Imperial flour; carpenters, fair; clerks, fair; cigarmakers, fair; electrical workers, dull; horseshoers, in very poor condition; longshoremen, absent; lathers, absent; laundry, fair; painters, absent; plasterers, dull; plumbers, fair; pressmen, absent; Scandinavian Typographical Union, absent; stone cutters, absent; street car employees, all right; steam fitters, absent; Superior Trades assembly, absent; tailors, fair; tanners, fair, all working; Theatrical Stage employes, good, full crew working at Pavilion; Typographical Union No. 136, dull; waiters, good; wood workers, fair; firemen, absent; ore trimmers, absent; stone masons, absent; cooks, absent; draymen, fair.

The grievance committee reported that the barbers' trouble had been investigated, and it was thought the Trades Assembly should help them out by endorsing the Barbers' union boycott on non-union shops.

The assembly endorsed the barbers-boycott, and voted to work only one at a time, commencing with Sullivan's shop.

Dance committee made a report; \$42 turned in, with 50 tickets still to be collected.

Woman's Home reported that laundry workers had donated \$5; Typographical Union No. 136, \$25. All locals were asked to contribute what they could.

Delegate to Chamber of Commerce Cobb reported that nothing much had been done pertaining to labor. He said the Chamber of Commerce reported favorably on the Saturday half holiday.

Delegate McEwen reported for the Minneapolis convention. The delegate gave a lengthy report of the doings of the convention.

A communication from national headquarters was received, saying that Ottenberg & Bros.' boycott had been lifted.

An advisory committee was appointed composed of the following: William McEwen as advisor for the draymen; Tim Timlin, ore trimmers; Conklin, Saw Mill Union. A motion to change time of election of officers from last meeting in June and December to first in July and January was lost by a vote of 6 to 23.

A communication from Mr. Todd was referred to the Longshoremen's Union.

A Labor day committee was appointed composed of the following: Messrs. Sturm, Anderson and Meagher.

At the suggestion of William McEwen a committee was appointed to look up a building which would be suitable for a labor temple. Messrs. McEwen, Ferguson and Heasley were named.

A complaint was brought in by the butchers that a non-union man was being employed in the meat market at the old Simon Clark stand. Referred to grievance committee. The butchers said they had cards in all union shops, and wanted all purchasers to look for union card.

The draymen notified the assembly that hereafter all union drays would have the union card.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Robert Haire; vice president, Nels Anderson; secretary, J. W. Blix; treasurer, Charles Firovid; sergeant at arms, Mr. Richter; statistician, William McEwen. The old board of trustees, Messrs. Thompson, Findley and Meagher was re-elected.

Delegates to Superior Trades Assembly, Gus Olson, John Hayes.

The election of delegate to the Chamber of Commerce was laid over until next meeting.

The assembly then went into executive session.

JAMES M. MURRAY,  
Secretary.**Will Establish a Conference Board.**

The Electrical Worker's union is figuring on the establishment of a conference board similar to that maintained by the plumbers. All grievances will be referred to the board, which will meet in joint session with the bosses and settle all disputes and differences by conferences and arbitration.

**To the Public.**

All union men and sympathizers in Duluth are requested to withdraw their patronage from all barber shops not displaying union cards.

By order of committee, Journeymen Barber's Union of North America.

**Plumbers Elect Officers.**

The Plumbers' Union met June 22 and elected the following officers: Ed. Sturm, president; Morris Connell, vice president; William E. McEwen, recording and financial secretary; William Bradley, treasurer. The Plumbers' Union is in a flourishing condition.