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Populist Central club meets at Brown's hall Saturday evening.

Typographical Union No. 136 donated \$25 toward the Woman's Home building fund.

The theatrical union is in a very thriving condition. Financially they are better off than ever before.

Every union in the city should begin active preparations at once for Labor Day. The committee appointed by the Trades Assembly will do its share and the combined efforts will result in the greatest demonstration ever seen in Duluth.

The newly-organized freight handlers have elected Michael Sullivan president; Anton Nels, vice-president; Brice Barr, recording secretary; Edward Potter, financial secretary; George Gray, treasurer, J. H. Filvod, marshal; James Nutty, inspector.

Organizer Nichols is endeavoring to get the machinists organized before Labor Day. There are a large number of that craft in the city and such an organization should be effected so as to be able to participate on Labor Day. Get in line boys; don't be behind the times.

The Milwaukee boycott has been lifted. After the smoke of battle has blown away it is seen that, as a result of the trouble, the city will either have municipal ownership or a new franchise will be granted to a company anxious to operate at a reduced rate of fare.—Midland Mechanic.

The Saw Mill Men's Union at New Duluth, Organizer Nichols tells us, is one of the most thriving bodies in Duluth. They meet every Sunday at K. O. T. M. hall. Mr. Nichols and Daniel McCarthy, president of the West Duluth branch, were present last Sunday and addressed the meeting. The men are earnest and intelligent workers.

Organizer Nichols formed another union Monday night which will be known as the Zenith Protective Union. Through fear of trouble with employers the craft organized will not be represented in the Trades Assembly and it will not be known outside of the members themselves what branch of trade the Zenith

Protective Union represents. Over fifty members joined Monday evening.

Fred H. Lounsberry, of the Typographical union, has been appointed deputy organizer for the Tenth district. The appointment is a good one. Mr. Lounsberry has been a worker in the cause of unionism for many years and will undoubtedly do good work in his new official field. Organizer Lounsberry is secretary of No. 136, and until his resignation last spring was secretary of the Trades Assembly where he represented his union continuously as a delegate.

The Laundry Workers' Union intend holding a mass meeting some night next week for the purpose of organizing the laundry girls. A hall will be secured and local speakers will be present to explain the benefits of organization. This is a step in the right direction and every effort should be made to get the girls into the union. When once organized the girls will be of great benefit to the Laundry Workers' union as experience in other unions show that women are among the best workers in the cause when they become interested.

The Labor World last week said: The Electrical Workers have arranged it now so that it takes an apprentice six years to learn the trade instead of sixty days as formerly.

We wish to correct the above statement. It takes thirty-six years to learn the trade under the new arrangement recently effected by the Electrical Workers' union instead of six as stated above. Previously it has never taken less than three years, and perhaps five. All apprentices must pass an examination, and work but three months in three years at the trade. Under the new rule the helper is done away with.

Frank J. Weber, general organizer of the American Federation of Labor, has been in the city the past week, perfecting the newly organized freight-handlers' and grain trimmers' unions.

Mr. Weber is first vice-president of the international longshoremen's union; is serving his third term. The organization, Mr. Weber says, has made rapid strides in the past three years. In 1893 they numbered but six unions, now they have 65 active organizations and before the end of the season expect to have at least 85.

Organizer Weber informs us that

unionism in all its branches is on the increase everywhere in the United States. The growth in the past six months is unprecedented in the history of organized labor.

Mr. Weber is a very able man and his good work and encouraging words will certainly reap rich rewards.

About Right for a Funeral.

The tamest political aggregation of the year was the one held on the hilltop Thursday by the disciples of Old Hooknose. The thinning out of the ranks by the silver defection and the entire absence of workmen, left few to be noticed other than the bosses and employes of business houses who, from lack of brains or as a matter of policy in the retention of their situations, still adhered to the old ship, long since taken possession of by the pirates. The audience was fair-sized, but largely made up of men, who like many, indeed, of the delegates themselves, have no intention of voting the ticket.

Ben. F. Howard was chairman, being elected as representative of the Sargent faction over Dr. McCuen of the Fisher men, by a majority of three votes. W. D. Dunlop was secretary.

The ticket is composed as follows: Auditor, Odin Halden; Treasurer, L. H. Whipple; Register of Deeds, Peter J. Borgstrom; Sheriff, Wm. C. Sargent; County Attorney, Geo. E. Arbury; Judge of Probate, Phineas Ayer; Supt. of Schools W. C. McCarter; Coroner, Dr. J. J. Eklund; Court Commissioner, W. C. McAdam; County Commissioners, first district, John Williams; third district, J. C. Helm; fifth district, Charles Kauppi.

The range got what the sporting editor of the News Tribune calls "the double cross," not being given a single representation on the ticket.

There was little enthusiasm, except of an empty, tin-pan sort, and the only speech was made by Ex-silverite Norton, whose lack of logic was only equalled by the effusive bombast with which he paraded his handsome physique and be-whiskered fallacies. But we can't blame them for not wanting to talk. The party heart was sore. How long since has there been a republican convention at which nominations for fat offices were knocked down by acclamation to whomsoever would cart them off? On the whole, while insufferably dull for a nominating convention, it wasn't bad for a funeral.