

shrink back in their shells for fear some fool will point his finger at them, where will the truth find teachers?

The protective feature of trades unionism was once even more unpopular than socialism today. Now that feature is almost universally recognized as legitimate. Where would it have been had the men of the early days been arrant cowards, afraid to open their faces in defense of a just principle?

A declaration by a labor organization isn't a very dangerous thing to make. Barring the so-called Chicago anarchists, we have not heard in this generation of men being burned at the stake or hung as malefactors for a belief. And there is now no community in this country so benighted as to repeat the Chicago episode of ten years ago.

But for defending the protective feature of trades unionism men have been imprisoned and shot and hung in free America, and so frequently that, unless they be men of exceptional prominence and ability, we never make any fuss about it.

Let us be consistent. The work that our predecessors have done will avail nothing unless we maintain our hold. We cannot maintain present ground by present methods. Times have changed. Monopolies have grown up, such as the founders of trades unions never dreamed of. Let us face these questions like men, not like boobies.

And finally, who ever heard of a successful educator who did not have the subjects he proposed to teach worked out to a logical conclusion? You, who are the self-assumed teachers of unorganized labor, how dare you assume to teach a science whose conclusions you stand, by your confessions, in terror of? Let us lay down our principles, let us give honest, logical men an opportunity to array themselves on our side, let us have at least a general plan along which

we propose to work, so that we can say to the timid and conservative: "This is our plan; show us something better and we will listen to you." Let us lay the foundation of our principles broad and deep. Let them be planted upon the rock of eternal truth, deep seated in every honest, human intelligence, and, though the storms beat with ten-fold more fury, it will stand solid and untrembling thousands of years after that built on the shifting sands of expediency has become a sightless wreck.

**Made Fine Violins.**

Stradivarius, the great violin maker, who turned out about 700 instruments in his life time, never got more than \$25 for a fiddle, whereas now they command as high as \$10,000 each. It goes to show that people never appreciate a man until after he is dead. The Saint Paul & Duluth railroad, however, has never lacked appreciation. At all times it has been the people's popular route to and between St. Paul, Minneapolis, Duluth, West Superior, Stillwater, Taylor's Falls and other points, for many reasons. Its finely equipped trains run rapidly and smoothly at convenient hours through a fine country, and it makes close connections at all points with trains running in all directions. Its facilities and its policy are such as to appeal to the traveling public, which likes speed, comfort, convenience, and for that reason it keeps its popularity. Always take the Duluth Short Line. Maps, circulars, folders, etc., may be had of ticket agents generally, or can be obtained by writing direct to W. A. Russell, General passenger agent, St. Paul, Minn.

The Union Garment Workers, by referendum vote, have decided to postpone its convention till the second Monday in February.

**Joseph Murphy**

At the Lyceum Dec. 7 and 8. One of the most striking among the exponents of thrift, business ability and monetary success, found on the roster of eminent American actors, is Joseph Murphy, who today is and for many years has been at the head of actors making the portrayal of Irish characters a specialty. Mr. Murphy is essentially a self-made man, and beyond all question he is a manly man. Honest dealing, sincerity of purpose, prompt and unusually correct judgment added to industry and a temperate disposition, were the qualities with he has won his victory. Joseph Murphy was, as the boy blacksmith, the best smithy in his neighborhood; as minstrel he was the sweetest singer and the best dancer; as a protean actor in "Help" he was unapproachable, and today, as Dan O'Hara in "Kerry Gow" and Larry Donovan and "Shaun Rhue" in the play of that name, he stands alone.

**Vote a Legislative Ticket.**

The total vote on the legislative ticket in the 54th district is as follows:

P. R. Vail, (Rep.).....	9,816
G. R. Laybourne, (Rep.).....	9,413
P. C. Schmidt, (Rep.).....	9,182
M. T. Marion, (Sil.).....	7,535
E. G. Wallinder, (Sil.).....	7,163
G. C. Findley, (Sil.).....	7,342

John A. Keyes has formed a law partnership with O. W. Baldwin.

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