

LOCAL NOTES.

The carpenters desire a large attendance at their next meeting Tuesday night.

Smith, Farwell & Steele are offering some excellent bargains on easy payments. Call and see them.

M. S. Burrows has a full line of union made shoes in stock. Also union made trousers, overalls, hats, etc.

Hon. C. A. Towne will take an active part in the Kentucky campaign. His dates begin today, the 23rd.

For the first half of October the collection of back taxes was almost double what was received during the corresponding period last year.

Judge Ensign is holding court at various points on the range this week to facilitate the issuance of naturalization papers.

The library board held a meeting Monday night but took no action in regard to moving the branch library from Central to West Duluth.

The carpenters' union have their new by-laws and agreements out. They show a neat typographical job, printed at The Labor World office.

Samuel Carlson, a member of the carpenter's union, who has been in the St. Luke's hospital for some time suffering with typhoid fever, is reported to be improving.

Four hundred eviction suits were served on the coal miners of Kanawha Valley, West Virginia, this week. The strike is still far from settled in that state and if the evictions are forced there may be trouble.

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Harry Lloyd, the well-known Boston labor leader, and who as a delegate from the carpenters' union has been one of the most prominent figures in the late convention of the American Federation of Labor, has been nominated for alderman by the Workingmen's Political League of his city.

The county officials, it is said, have decided to make an attempt to collect all judgments for delinquent personal property taxes that are large enough to pay the costs. Many of these judgments are small items, but some of them are large enough to be worth looking after. Among the latter is the Duluth Gas & Water company which owes about \$30,000.

Twenty-eight Italians who came in Tuesday on the steamer Monarch were deported under the provisions of the alien contract labor law. They came from Port Arthur and carried in their pockets the cards of a well-known Duluth employment agency. Six others who had naturalization papers were allowed to land.

The committee having charge of the discussions under the auspices of the trades assembly, desire to call attention to the fact that ladies are especially invited to the meetings. It is intended to make these discussions a feature of the coming winter, and it is hoped that the families of workingmen, and all others interested in good government and better industrial conditions, whether connected directly with organized labor or not, will at least render us the assistance of their presence.

The regular meeting of the building trades council will be held Wednesday evening, Oct. 27. Several matters of importance will come up. A good attendance is desired.

The carpenters held an interesting meeting last Tuesday evening. Messrs. Walker and Downey of Spring Valley, Ill., were present and made a strong appeal for aid for the striking miners of their district. A collection was taken up.

According to the published reports of Mayor Truelsen's visit to Chicago to meet representatives of the bondholders of the gas and water company, there is no prospect of an immediate agreement. The mayor insisted that it was not worth while submitting to the people any proposition for more than \$1,200,000, and that there were grave doubts of even those figures being accepted. While there are no immediate results from the conference, undoubtedly some good was accomplished, for, if nothing else, the bondholders have had a chance to learn something of the sentiment existing in Duluth. This may yet lead to a more rational proposition.

Charter Commission.

Judges Ensign, Moer and Cant have appointed the following named gentlemen as a board of commissioners to prepare a charter for the city of Duluth under the Sheehan act:

H. F. Greene, Chester A. Congdon, Louis J. Hopkins, Fred A. Patrick, Giles Gilbert, John C. Hessian, William Harrison, T. T. Hudson, E. F. Alford, P. S. Annecke, J. J. Eklund, F. J. Voss, Robt. W. Mars, James McDowell and B. Silberstein.

A. F. of L. Convention Call.

President Samuel Gompers, by Frank Morrison, secretary, has issued a call to all affiliated unions for the seventeenth annual convention of the American Federation of Labor to be held at Nashville on Dec. 13. A strong plea is made for a full attendance of workingmen:

"The severities of the industrial stagnation of the past four years have not yet been abated; the wrongs from which the workers suffer have not been righted; the injustices imposed on our people remain unremedied; the overworked large mass and the unemployed many are still testimony to the folly of our age; the employment of children, legislatures more concerned with the privileges of the few than the rights of the many; with public assemblage and free speech invaded, threatened or forbidden, and the modern judicial weapon of injunction utilized in the effort to crush labor; these rights and wrongs and others of equal importance but too numerous for reference here, must of necessity be considered by the forthcoming convention and such action devised as shall tend to attain the one and set aside the other.

Don't Want to Be Investigated.

The fire commissioners, it is said, dispute the right of the council to investigate the management of their department. Judging from remarks repeatedly made before the council, this assumption is based on the notion that the fire commissioners form an entirely independent board, coordinate, and not subordinate, to the council. In a sense this may be true. Nevertheless the council is the supreme legislative body of the city, the commissioners must have their appointment confirmed by the council before they become legally qualified to act, and they cannot legally spend one dollar, except the council sees fit to order its appropriation.

The power that holds the purse strings in this age of the world is supreme. Under such circumstances what intelligent man can doubt for a moment that the council has both the power and the right to make such inquiries as it sees fit.

Economic Debate.

The first discussion under the auspices of the trades assembly occurred last Friday evening and was pronounced a success in every particular. It does not seem to be generally known that these meetings are open to the public and that all working men and others interested in economic questions have a special invitation to attend and take part, if they so desire; nevertheless there was quite a crowd of interested listeners, not a few of whom added more or less to the interchange of ideas.

The subject, "How Shall We Establish Liberty on a Permanent Basis," was introduced by George C. Findley, who briefly outlined what he considered was the source of the trouble with conditions as they now are and left the specific remedies to be discussed by the speakers that followed him.

Liberty, he defined as opportunity, qualifying this definition later by saying that it was meant to apply only as far as was necessary for the purpose of this discussion. Under present conditions, he said, wealth measures liberty, and the latter can be equalized and maintained only by either equalizing opportunity through the equalizing of wealth, or by emancipating liberty from wealth. The first is impossible; the latter can be done only by reversing the position that labor is accorded in the trinity of productive forces. Labor is the creator, land the raw material from which wealth is produced and capital the product. Our present system has exalted capital, the third member of the trinity, over labor, which should be first and supreme. The solution of the difficulty is to restore labor to its rightful position by guaranteeing to every man a reasonable opportunity to work, and freeing industry from the power of money by substituting for the latter a national labor check. In other words, eliminate rent, interest and profit, except in so far as the latter represents the wages of superintendence. This, the speaker said, brought him to the parting of the roads, where state socialism and philosophical anarchy diverged. He didn't know which to travel, but the correct answer to the evening's question would be found in making humanity superior to wealth.

The discussion that followed was varied and animated. Messrs. Nixon and Mallet championed the single tax idea, Messrs. Thiel and Louis Dworschak the socialistic side, and Messrs. Savard, McCallum and McEwen the trades union point of view. In addition, short speeches were made by Messrs. Baker, Twomey, McLay and several others.

The next discussion will be on Friday evening, Nov. 5, when the initiative and referendum will be considered with Mr. Thos. Savard for leader.

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Soliciting For Miners.

John Walker and John Downey, of the knights of labor, are in the city to solicit aid for the striking miners of Spring Valley. They bear a commission from Liberty assembly, 8617, K. of L., endorsed by the mayor, city officials and prominent merchants of Spring Valley. They ask donations of clothing, food and money. Local organized labor has taken hold and will endeavor to make up a carload of supplies. Tenders of aid to President McEwen of the trades assembly will reach the representatives of the miners. The men at Spring Valley are striking for the 65 cents conceded to the miners of Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana by the compromise entered into at Columbus recently. If they fail it means that the rate named will go back to the old figures, which is 62 cents. The average earnings of the Spring Valley miners last year, Messrs. Downey and Walker say, were 81 cents a day, according to the official report of the Illinois state bureau of labor. The miners get pay for only about 89 per cent of the coal they get out. The balance, consisting of dust and small chunks that goes through the first screen, although it is not paid for by the operators, is sold by them as pea, nut, etc. In all the mining districts of America the condition of the miners are not nearly so deplorable as at Spring Valley, Ill. The suffering from starvation and death in this section has been a disgrace to our nation. Winter after winter stories of how the miners and their families were compelled to eat dead animals, etc., have come to the public ears, and yet the operators still want to reduce their wages. Just only last week one man died from starvation. It is hoped Duluth people will not be slow to respond to this call for aid.

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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE AMERICAN EXCHANGE BANK, Duluth, Minnesota.

At the Close of Business, Tuesday Evening, October 5, 1897.

RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Loans and Discounts	\$960,929 19	Capital Stock Paid in	\$500,000 00
Overdrafts secured	2,186 35	Surplus and Undivided	127,646 56
Overdrafts unsecured	401 92	Profits	2,078,199 98
Real Estate	154,090 87	Deposits	none
Bonds and Stocks	46,500 00	Rediscouunts	none
Tax and Ass't Certificates	1,946 31	Bills Payable	none
Call Loans on grain collateral	\$1,012,600 00		
RESERVE—			
Due from Banks,	295,099 11		
Cash on hand,	232,092 79		
	1,539,791 90		
Total	\$2,705,846 54	Total	\$2,705,846 54

United States Civil Service Examination.

The United States Civil Service Commission has ordered that an examination be held by its local board in this city on Saturday, December 4th, 1897, commencing at 9 o'clock a. m., for the grades of clerk and carrier in the post office service. Only citizens of the United States can be examined. The age limitations for this examination are as follows: Clerk 18, no limit; Carrier 21 to 40 years. No application will be accepted for this examination unless filed with the undersigned, on the proper blank, before the hour of closing business on November 13, 1897. Applications should be filed promptly in order that time may remain for correction if necessary.

The commission takes this opportunity of stating that the examinations are open to all reputable citizens of the United States who may desire to enter the service, without regard to race or to their political or religious affiliations. All such citizens are invited to apply. They shall be examined, graded, and certified with entire impartiality, and wholly without regard to any consideration save their efficiency, as shown by the grades they obtain in the examination. For application blanks, full instructions, and information relative to the duties and salaries of the different positions, apply to, A. GRABARKIEWICZ, Secretary Board of Examiners, Postal Service; P. O. address: Supt. of Free De