ANNUAL BANQUET GIVEN LAST NIGHT

The Fourth Yearly Event of the Kind Enjoyed by the Epworth League.

SOME FINE ADDRESSES

A Pleasing Reading, a Splendid Supper, Good Music and a Good Social Time.

The Epworth League of the Trinity Methodist Episcopal church enjoyed its fourth annual banquet last night in the service department of the church building and there was a bright and happy attendance, including all ages from youthhood to ages older.

The program, besides the temptations of the banquet board, included music by Pemberton's orchestra, three entertaining addresses and one very pleasing reading. One very much regretted omission from the original program was that of Mrs. W. Frank Brown who was down for two readings, but illness prevented her attendance.

The gathering around the banquet board commenced about 7:30 p. m., the supper consisting of the choicest viands, substantial and delicate, which reflected credit upon those having in charge the culinary department of this happy annual event. The menu was as follows:

Tomato bouillon Wafers
Stewed chicken Butter dumplings
Mashed potatoes Gravy
Cold slaw and pickles
Rolls and coffee
Ice cream Cake
Opera sticks.

The addresses were in fit companionship with the enjoyed menu, being excellent food for the intellectual, as the display on the banquet board gave generous satisfaction to the physical.

J. S. Campbell was toastmaster and performed well the duties assigned him in directing the program as rearranged, included an address by Y. R. McKay which was listened to with interest, followed by Dr. J. W. Brown, pastor of the church, who is always entertaining and instructive. An orchestra number followed and then an excellent reading by Mrs. J. S. Campbell, closing with a most attractive and scholarly address by Dr. Hoover, president of Carthage, Ill., college, entitled "Three Blossoms," which held the undivided interest of the goodly company of banqueters present.

Among the chairmen of the several committees having the management of the entertainment in charge were the following who deserve much credit for the skill and activity displayed in bringing about a bountiful success and presenting one of the most successful annual banquets in the history of the organization: Miss Flossie M. Arnold, chairman committee on arrangements; Henry F. Krueger, chairman decoration committee; Mrs. Charles W. Hartley, chairman of the supper committee; Miss Flora M. Wustrow, chairman of the table arrangements committee.

Foundation of Friendship.

Without self-sacrifice there can be no real friendship.—Goethe.

Finds Cure for Epilepsy After Years of Suffering

"My daughter was afflicted with epileptic fits for three years, the attacks coming every few weeks. We employed several doctors but they did her no good. About a year ago we heard of Dr. Miles' Nervine, and it certainly has proved a blessing to our little girl. She is now apparently cured and is enjoying the best of health. It is over a year since she has had a fit. We cannot speak too highly of Dr. Miles' Nervine."

MRS. FRANK ANDERSON,
Comfrey, Minn.

Thousands of children in the United States who are suffering from attacks of epilepsy are a burden and sorrow to their parents, who would give anything to restore health to the sufferers.

Dr. Miles' Nervine

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To Keep Their Digestion Perfect Nothing is so Safe and Pleasant as Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets.

Trial Package Sent Free.

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Thousands of people who are not sick, but are well and wish to keep

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But it is not generally known that the Tablets are just as good and wholesome for little folks as for their elders.

Little children who are pale, thin and have no appetite, or do not grow or thrive, should use the tablets after eating and will derive great benefit from them.

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Gentlemen: — Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets were recommended to me for my two-months-old baby, which was sick and puny and the doctors said was suffering from indigestion. I took the child to the hospital, but there found no relief. A friend mentioned the Stuart Tablets and I procured a box from my druggist and used only the large sweet lozenges in the box and was delighted to find they were just the thing for my baby. I feel justified in saying that Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets saved my child's life.

MRS. W. T. DETHLOPE.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of April, 1897.

HENRY KARIS.
Notary Public in and for Erie Co., N. Y.

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ALL WITNESSES ARE EXAMINED

Federal Probe of Dynamiters is Almost Concluded With Report Next Tuesday.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 2.—United States District Attorney Charles W. Miller, in charge of the federal investigation of the alleged dynamiting conspiracy, said today that so far as witnesses are concerned, the inquiry is practically ended. It was for this reason, the district attorney said, that Ortie E. McManigal, confessed dynamiter and associate of the McNamaras, was started on his return journey to Los Angeles last night.

No further sessions of the federal grand jury will be held until next Tuesday afternoon. It is believed that the report of prospective indictments may be made at that time, unless the federal officials should discover new evidence to be laid before the investigators.

Federal officials connected with the probe concerned themselves today with the examination of papers left by Frank Morrison, secretary of the American Federation of Labor. Morrison departed last night after testifying regarding the McNamara defense fund. He took back with him the greater part of the records brought here.

It May Be Your Whole Vacation. Before deciding, send for handsomely illustrated booklet.—New York Sun.

SWITCHMAN FELL IM FRONT OF CAR

Tony Consolto Lost His Balance on Slowly Moving Train and Slid Down on Track on Top of Big Dam.

WAS INSTANTLY KILLED

Was an Italian With a Brother Employed in the Works and Was Popular Among the Workmen There.

Tony Consolto, a switchman on the Illinois division of the water power works was instantly killed this morning under a small car in the middle of the big dam.

He was riding on the front end of the car which was the front one of the train being pushed out to the end of the dam. The man stood leaning back against a pile of square ties when he lost his balasce and dropped down in front of the slowly moving train of cars. The engineer instantly stopped the train so quickly that it went only fifteen feet farther, but in that distance a cross bar under the car struck his head and inflicted injuries which probably were instantly fatal. The pile of ties was about two feet high and was intact when Consolto fell. It it not known what directly caused his fall.

He has a brother employed in the works and was a popular man among the workmen. The body was taken to the McArthur undertaking rooms at Hamilton. Coroner J. A. Barr was notified and will hold an inquest this afternoon.

AMUSEMENTS.

Seven Days.

A small audience witnessed the comedy "Seven Days" at the Grand last night. This attraction has played Keokuk on a former occasion. It was a good company that appeared last evening and the audience was well pleased. "Seven Days" gave opportunity for many amusing scenes and the company was up to the usual standard.

David Bispham as a Program Builder.

Noteworthy as are the additions which David Bispham makes each season to his remarkable repertoire, the old favorites continue to play an important part in his recital offerings. Audiences everywhere would protest vigorously if certain songs which they have learned to associate with the famous baritone's name were discarded even temporarily, and their appreciation of the new is always accompanied by their enthusiastic insistence upon the old as well.

The genial Mr. Bispham is never in happier form than when singing such fine old lyrics as "Hark, Hark the Lark," "Who is Sylvia?" and "Drink to Me Only With Thine Eyes;" while Meyerbeer's "Monk" and Loewe's "Edward" are today as potent factors in winning applause as they were when Mr. Bispham sang them a decade or more ago. As for "Danny Deever," the virile little classic is demanded more often, perhaps, than any other feature of the singer's repertory. He has sung it well over a thousand times in the past few years or so.

Songs by American composers continue to occupy a prominent place in Bispham programs. As Mr. Bispham has more than once remarked in the introductory remarks with which he frequently prefaces a number, "we need not go abroad any longer to find high art in music. If we look around a little we shall find lots of it at home." This patriotic sally has done much to awaken interest in the works of native composers, we are "exporting" our singers, and "supporting" those who are "imported," the same condition applying with like truth to our composers.

In recent years Mr. Bispham has made a practice of closing his programs with a Recitation to Music, a branch of art in which he is without a peer. Tennyson's "Enoch Arden," Poe's "Raven" and Longfellow's "King Robert of Sicily" are choice examples. In recitations of this character the man's personality is splendidly revealed, his wonderful powers as an actor rising to sublime heights of genius. His interpretations, his play of features, the well-controlled use of his fine speaking voice combine to make his performance a thing never to be forgotten.

The Country Boy.

In the presentation of "The Country Boy" at the Grand opera house this evening, the theatregoers of Keokuk are promised one of the biggest comedy successes of the year. The piece is a four act comedy by Edgar Selwyn, and will be presented here by the same excellent company that scored so heavily in the five months' engagement at the Liberty theatre, New York, and two months at Powers' theatre, Chicago. The comedy belongs to the same clean and wholesome class of American plays of which "The Fortune Hunter," "The Man from Home" and "Get Rich Quick Wallingford" are examples. The story of the play concerns an ingenuous youth from the country who seeks the activity and bustle of a big city in preference to the quiet life of his home town. It is a story that is known to hundreds upon hundreds of theatregoers, many of whom have suffered the heartaches and won reward just as Tom Wilson, the country youth, does. The play owes its enormous success, the same as all enduring plays do, to the naturalness and human appeal of its story. But perhaps the most enjoyable feature of the piece lies not so much in its story as in its remarkable character drawing, while the cleverness of the boarding house scene is calculated to prove more enjoyable than any scene that has been staged in recent years.

"The Sixth Commandment."

The Roosevelt play, "The Sixth Commandment," (Thou shalt not kill) which is said to handle the race suicide question without gloves will be revealed for the first time in this city at the Grand opera house February 7th, by a company of more than ordinary quality of which Miss Lillian Rhodes and Mr. Ernest C. Warde are the stars. "The Sixth Comandment," is from the pen of Mr. Robert McLaughlin an erstwhile newspaper man and one time personal secretary to the late President McKinley. While acting in the latter capacity he frequently met Theodore Roosevelt and became one of his greatest admirers. Therefore it is not strange that he should have taken that distinguished statesman's views on the race suicide question, as a basis for his drama. But what is more to the point, it is said he has also absorbed some of Mr. Roosevelt's characteristics and in his play has struck right out from the shoulder. His dialogue is said to be brilliant, bold and startling and though he handles several delicate situations in an audacious manner his play is strictly within the bounds of morality and carries a potent lesson to society in its trail. The scenes of the play are laid in New York city and the action is supposed to occur at the present time.

Miss Rhodes who is the female star is an accomplished actress of broad experience and the early part of this season made a great impression through the south in the "White Sister." Mr. Ernest C. Warde is a son of Frederick Warde and is accounted one of the best young actors on the American stage. Other members worthy of mention are Messrs. Morris Foster, Robert Hyman, Phillip Lord, Samuel Fletcher, Allen Leber and Miss Pearl Ford.

A "Commercial" Smile.

A London haberdasher instructs his clerks after this fashion: "Our employes are reminded that while serving customers they are expected to wear a commercial smile." The phrase is a valuable contribution to the literature of the subject. The "commercial smile" is the kind that has no heart in it.

A Round-Up

Since the government authorities have begun to "Round Up" a few of the men who have so long brought odium upon the name of honest labor, I have been urged by some editors to publicly define the reasons for my seven years' newspaper campaign on the tyrannies of many Labor Union Leaders.

Some men endow colleges. Others build libraries.

Both educational.

I preferred to devote to newspapers my contributions toward education, warning the people to protect themselves against the greatest, most tyrannical and dangerous trust this country has ever seen.

Especially insidious and dangerous, because its inner plans were not understood by the average citizen who, seeing no immediate slavery to himself, peacefully followed his own pursuits and blindly allowed the self-seeking Labor Leaders (?) to weave their web stronger as time went on. Not one word in my entire campaign has been uttered against peaceful trade associations.

I have only tried to defend the several million honest and law-abiding workmen who protest against the bullying and abuse of those in power.

No one seemed to sympathize with the few thousand widows and orphans of the men murdered while faithfully trying to earn a living under God's permission but against the "orders" of the "Labor Trust." So I tried to present their cause from time to time.

The healthy average common citizen is perhaps deserving of at least some of the inconvenience and loss put on him from strikes and other labor leaders' tyranny as a reward for his indifference.

I knew years ago that the plan of this big labor trust was to ultimately gain control over every workman, clerk and employe in the U. S., including farm hands and government employes.

This has been partly accomplished in some localities; then followed acts which clearly show the intent.

First, to harvest initiation fees, sometimes up to $100.00 each to "join the union."

Next, monthly dues. Say $2,500.00 a month in a town with 10,000 "members" at 25 cents each.

Next "fines" assessed for some infraction of the "rules."

Then the lash of the slave driver came forth. Orders to strike; what to buy; what not to buy; how to vote; when to parade (to show power): and to contribute from the hard-earned pay envelope for strike benefits to other men forced into idleless pending negotiations between crooked leaders (?) and crooked employers who hire said leaders to call strikes on competitive jobs, thus making the workmen tools, kept idle while the chiefs scrap for control or scrap money.

One of the hardest strokes of the lash is the money forced from members to defend dynamiters, sluggers and murderers when caught.

But let an honest workman, who, perchance, has been driven into "the union," dare to disobey one of these "orders" and he is taught a lesson through the slugging or dynamiting committees.

The slavery of the honest American workingman is pitiable when "closed shop" full control is obtained by the tyrannical leaders.

Now observe the plan of this gang to govern men and affairs.

"Organize every trade. Insist on closed shop. Then use the power of numbers to induce government officials to permit organizing all government employes. Some of the oaths defining that the union rules shall "precede Church, State and Family."

Then force Congressmen to pass anti-injunction laws to prevent courts from stopping proposed outrages.

Force merchants to hire only "union" clerks and sell only "label" goods. Use union funds to support slugging and dynamiting crews to drive back the protesting ones or "remove" them.

Of course, in carrying out the plan for complete control by the gang, some were caught.

Whenever openly exposed the men "higher up" immediately begin to assess members to protect the criminals and always rush into print with loud cries and much mock sentiment about "the brotherhood of man" and the "defense of the wage worker," with such play upon the sympathy of the people they cover their own greed for fees and insane desire to read their names in the papers.

It would be hard to convince the widows of the twenty-one murdered men in the Los Angeles tragedy, and hundreds of others, that their husbands received much benefit from "the defense of the wage worker" nor could they well understand such working of that particular brand of the "brotherhood of man" scheme.

Late events have stripped the lamb's coat from the body of the wolf and shown most clearly the lying deceit and horrible portent underneath, which I have tried time and again to explain to the public.

Men who preferred to work and support their families have been waylaid. Fingers chopped off, with the comforting assurances that "now you can set type if you will." Crow bars and heavy weights dropped on heads. Fathers beaten unconscious and many times crippled for life; little homes blown up and many and many a corpse brought to the destitute family.

These are not "occasional cases." Such crimes run literally into the thousands, and judges and juries have been thereatened with death, bribed, and witnesses slugged or put out of the way.

In the government cases now pending, the witnesses must be guarded from the agents of the "Labor Trust" with its tentacles reaching to the most remote corners of our country.

Don't permit yourself to be misled by the vaporings of sentimental, drooling degenerates who assert that these murders are justified because "society" has oppressed the workingman.

In no other country in the world are they paid as high, and as much earnest effort devoted to their welfare. Nor is there as abundant opportunity in any other country in the world for workmen to gain fortunes.

Our great railroads and industries are largely headed by former wage earners.

These murders are instigated by that class of men, always in evidence, who hate success. They cooly and cruelly plan and execute assaults and murders to satisfy their own hate and show their power over the slaves who dare protest. The nightly talk of strikes, given in many a union meeting, develops the hate and murderous instinct which waits only for opportunity to carry out.

Take the Los Angeles case as an illustration. The Times had withstood about 16 years of all kinds of attacks, not because its faithful employes were underpaid. They received wages higher than the union scale, but they refused to bow down and place themselves under control of "the gang," hence they were persistently assailed and finally 21 were murdered. These men only asked to be let alone to support their families, but union leaders determined to rule over them, hence the murders.

The whole set-up of the leaders of the great "Labor Trust," the American Federation of Labor, points toward a diabolically adroit plan to secure to those leaders complete control over their own members who dare not protest, and also over all other workmen, legislators, congressmen, merchants and the balance of citizens.

Think it over and you will see in part what the tyranny would be if they were permitted to completely carry out their plans.

Now that the facts are known the people can protect themselves by refusing to do any act that would add power to this aggregation.

Remember, any act.

When their grip on the throat of honest labor is broken, working men can either select better leaders, or join some of the law-abiding trade organizations.

I was not driven to write this series of articles by reason of disagreements with my own thousand workmen. No troubles have arisen between us.

They have had fifty-two weeks a year steady work for many years, are a contented, high-grade class receiving the best of wages in Michigan for like service, and protected from thefrequent onslaughts of these "Labor Leaders" (?).

Mr. Gompers has repeatedly announced in public that I sought to destroy all organizations of labor.

This is in line with his regular habit of distorting facts. I have for a long time been a member of the National Association of Stationary Engineers and the National Trades and Workers Association. These are non-strike and peaceful organizations which negotiate their trade agreements legally, with peace and honor.

I have given to the Trades and Workers Association a $400,000.00 home for their old members in furtherance of an honest desire to help solve this most important industrial question.

In addition, I have offered to contribute a quarter of a million dollars cash to help along a workingman's movement, as defined in a letter sent Mr. Gompers Dec. 11th, 1911. Copy herewith.

December 11, 1911.

Mr. Samuel Gompers, Pres. American Federation of Labor,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:—

Press reports indicate that you are greatly depressed and harrassed by fear and the disrepute bought on your Federation.

The query has arisen whether you are big enough to sense the movement of a great Power which guides humanity, and to conclude that the time has arrived when "Labor" should be honestly represented instead of misrepresented.

If the thought of truthful and earnest effort has come, and you honestly desire better conditions for the wage earners, may I tender to you an invitation to come out to Battle Creek for a conference with the President of the Trades and Workers Association, Mr. J. W. Bryce?

If you will permit it, your expenses will be paid from the time you leave Washington until you return.

You will be put up at the Sanitarium for a week or ten day's rest and freedom from worry, as a guest, either of the Association or of myself, as you prefer.

When rested, let us consider the new movement for the workingmen of America, enlisted under the banner of the National Trades and Workers Association, free from strikes, slugging, picketing, tyranny, fines, dynamiting and murder.

Belonging to the American Federation of Labor are hundreds of thousands of self-respecting and law-abiding workingmen who are members under pressure, and who deplore the tactics you and your associates have employed and forced upon them.

They want steady employment fifty-two weeks in the year and do not relish being forced by strikes into idleness pending the "negotiations" between crooked labor leaders seeking bribes, and crooked employers who hire said leaders to call strikes on competitive jobs, thus making the workingmen tools kept idle with the chiefs scrap for control or bribe money.

You will perhaps reject this proposal, believing that strikes are a necessay weapon to preserve the rights of workingmen. But the new way has been in very successful operation over two years and found to have more power than the old way.

The honorable Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, The National Association of Stationary Engineers and the National Trades and Workers Association perfect trade agreements without strikes, secure the highest wages and yet preserve the respect and esteem of employers and of the members themselves.

Workingmen are aroused to resentment from being forced to contribute from their hard earned pay envelopes to defend known sluggers and murderers, and to being heavily fined for not obeying the orders of leaders when they know those leaders are simply using them to insure complete dominion over the daily lives of the American workingman.

He seeks to maintain his position as an honest, peaceful citizen and not to be forced to affiliate with and support thugs and murderers.

Personally, I have only sincere and open denunciation for the past methods of you and your associates. Nevertheless, if you are ready to join in an earnest and truthful step forward for your members and will accept this invitation in the spirit in which it is given, you will be most welcome, and will be treated with the greatest consideration we are capable of, and in addition I will agree to contribute a quarter of a million dollars in cash to the new movement.

The Trades and Workers now have a splendid $400,000.00 home to care for their indigent members, and with the addition of the members of the American Federation of Labor and its endowment we can merit the support of the public, all working for the new day of peace with honor in the industrial field.

Yours very truly,
C. W. POST.

No reply has been received. It seems evident the present Leaders will not accept any offer of industrial peace which takes from them the fees, control of workmen, and curbs their trust methods.

When any combination either of Capital or Labor goes outside its own business and attempts to oppress, tyrannize, or forcibly dictate to others and thereby "restrains trade" it becomes dangerous and should be prosecuted.

Talk about restraint of trade!

All the capital trusts in this country couldn't bring about a minus fraction of the loss, inconvenience, misery and crime set in motion by strike conspirators.

The time has come when every home-owning patriotic citizen should speak in most unmistakable terms, if liberty is to be preserved.

Write President Taft asking when he will apply the law to the Labor Trust as well as the Capital Trusts.

Then write your members of Congress, telling them clearly that you will expect them to protect yourself and other common, everyday citizens by voting down the bills these Labor Trust leaders are pressing to give them more control.

One is a bill to prevent courts from issuing restraining orders to stop proposed acts of violence in strikes. Another is to allow labor leaders to restrain trade without being subject to the law.

You are one of a tremendous majority but you must tell your public officials your needs. Then they can act in your defense.

Then question candidates and don't accept any equivocal answers.

Insist that trade organizations can be peacefully conducted and that no laws be enacted giving leaders arbitrary control over the masses.

A few of the facts are known and have been proven true. Many more will follow as the government investigation proceeds. Will you be patriotic and painstaking enough to write, talk and vote for your own safety?

My work in the way of public and expensive paid announcements on this subject is done.

There's a Reason.
C. W. POST.