

In Labor's Field PROVE ITS WORTH

The Way for Laboring Men to Get Eight-Hour Day.

ADDRESS BY DR. W. W. FOLWELL

Tells Eight-Hour League That Those Who Have Short Day Must Improve It.

The realization of the eight-hour day ideal depends almost wholly on the laboring man himself, in the opinion of W. W. Folwell...

Will the laboring man and the artisan make good use of the extra leisure brought by the eight-hour day? Will it aid him in the realization of his desire for a better home, a better education, a higher home life, self-improvement, a better social position and environment, and will it tend to the higher social, moral and industrial development of the individual? If it will do these things, the eight-hour day will become as universal as labor conditions will admit of, and when it comes it will come to stay, declares Dr. Folwell...

Dr. Folwell addressed a large gathering of the members of the eight-hour day League and friends of the movement at Alexander's hall Monday evening. He gave one of the most practical talks that organized labor in Minneapolis has had the privilege of hearing in recent years, and the sentiments enunciated met with universal approval. Dr. Folwell took his text from the organized movement now in progress in Minneapolis for the eight-hour day principle among the laboring classes. The chief argument for the eight-hour day, he declared, was the opportunity for the laboring man to progress in his education, to improve his self-improvement, home building and improving his general social condition. Give him this leisure and he may attain his life's end, he said, but if he does not, this ideal is realized? Dr. Folwell says the answer rests entirely with the laboring classes themselves.

Many serious obstacles to the eight-hour day have been stated. In the first place it is said that artisans and laboring men generally do not care enough for the higher aims; that they do not care for self-improvement, that they fear rather than an eight-hour day will result in lower wages, and consequently they do not act together. In the second place, employers are frequently against the shorter day on account of danger of loss through competition. Then again, one state fears another. To obviate this last obstacle, therefore, it is suggested that the same schedule. And, finally, there is the indifference of general society. There is not enough interest taken in the laboring class. People fear the prices of commodities will be raised through the operation of an eight-hour day law, and there is also a pretty general feeling that the time saved to labor thereby would not be well spent.

To assure the eight-hour day general application those who now have it and those who hereafter get it must give constant demonstration that increased leisure is being used properly. There must be the tangible evidence of better homes and a better state of society. And the power of organization must ever be used judiciously.

Neither should labor strive for immediate application of the eight-hour principle for all trades. The results would be far better if it came gradually, in order that society might be prepared for the change it will entail in industrial conditions. It would be a misfortune to see a strike to have the eight-hour day come in a lump; better give things a chance to adjust themselves to the new order gradually, in order that wages be not affected and production curtailed.

The eight-hour day is not a cure all, nor an unmitigated blessing, nor can it be applied to all classes of labor. It is practical to apply it to the shops and factories and the artisan trades, but it is manifestly impossible to make it fit the conditions of farming, life on shipboard and many other lines of effort.

In conclusion Dr. Folwell declared that he did not regard the eight-hour day as the ideal of industry. Said he: "I believe rather that a condition of co-operation will come some day when the interests of both employer and employed will be closely welded and he who labors will be his own employer and not only take wages but share profits. I confess, however, that that day is yet far off. But it is the ideal condition of labor."

J. B. Gillilan and A. H. Hall were the other speakers of the evening.

LET PEOPLE VOTE

Trades and Labor Favors Submission of Municipal Lighting Scheme.

The Trades and Labor Council last night, by a unanimous vote, put itself on record as in favor of the proposition to submit to the people at the next election the question of issuing bonds for a municipal electric lighting plant. The council will a few weeks ago referred the matter to the individual unions. Up to last night reports had been received from about thirty unions; all except one declared in favor of the proposition. The exception was the Stone Masons' union.

PAPER HANGERS' PLANS

They May Cut Lose From the Painters.

There is a possibility of autonomy soon for the paper hanger's organization. At the recent convention of the Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators and Paper Hangers at Detroit, the paper hangers succeeded in having passed certain constitutional amendments which, if ratified by the membership vote, will result in a complete division of the trades of paper hanging and painting. Under the amended constitution, the paper hangers for all union men working at the paper hanging trade to belong to the paper hangers' local union. At present, local union No. 6 of this trade is organized under the National Paper Hangers association, but if the amendments passed by the brotherhood convention become law they will be transferred as a union to that body. They will then have full control of their trade, a matter which has been a bone of contention in the organization for a long time. Should the referendum vote fail to ratify the action of the convention, then all paper hangers' locals now attached to the brotherhood are pledged to withdraw from that body and affiliate with the National Paper Hangers association.

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PAN-AMERICAN

Committee Report of Congress on Reciprocity and Commerce.

Mexico City, Dec. 20.—The committee on commerce and reciprocity of the Pan-American congress has agreed. The committee lays special stress on the economic system of the different governments as based upon their necessities and recognizes that many of the American republics, which up to this time have largely exported their raw materials and imported manufactured articles, are now through the growing development of their domestic industries, tending more to utilizing their own natural products and diminishing proportionately the importation of foreign commodities.

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