

In Labor's Field.

LABOR IN MINNESOTA

Digest of the Biennial Report of the State Labor Commissioner, John O'Donnell.

It Shows Conditions to Be Very Satisfactory—The Growth of Unionism Large.

The eighth biennial report of the bureau of labor of the state of Minnesota, numbering about 650 pages, will undoubtedly prove of great value.

Perhaps on account of the very important and far-reaching nature of the subject, "Factory Inspection" is given the place of honor, being dealt with in an interesting and instructive way.

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ers Mercantile company, Holtzmann's Chicago Store, and Yerxa Brothers. All express entire satisfaction in a business way with the change to shorter hours, and all desire to see the universal adoption of the system.

The growth of labor organizations throughout the state in the years 1901 and 1902, the report says, has been the largest in the history of the state.

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He doubles his energies, and instead of making \$3 per day, he makes \$6, and instead of the stress of great physical strain and the jealousy of his employers, but in a week or two they discover that he is making too much money, and they begin cutting down the price of his work, until finally, in a few weeks, with his record made and advertised, he is getting but \$3 per day.

What has become of the average workman? "Thought a good and careful mechanic, his wages have gone down to a mere pittance, for if he cannot keep with the pace-maker, who has now been reduced to average wages, he must suffer still more of both."

As to the future of our craft, we know, for experience has taught us, that piece work develops specialists. One man learns to do a particular piece of work, and he can get work in his particular line anywhere else.

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forth by President Burt. Experience has taught the older men a lesson, and now the young men are not waiting to learn in the fool's school, but are profiting by the experience of others.

"As a matter of fact, President Burt has never made a guarantee for any specified time, either three years or three days or thirty minutes, of the continuance of his 'premium scale' to the men now striking."

After the business session of the council a reception was tendered J. C. Skemp, the third general vice president, who was in a great measure instrumental in bringing about such an amicable solution of the council's troubles.

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PROSPECTS ARE BRIGHT

The Way Things Look to the Printers' Organizer.

John W. Hays, who is engaged in organizing work for the International union, has just returned from a four weeks' trip in which he visited Milwaukee and La Crosse, Wis.; Chicago, Ill.; the principal cities and towns in the northern peninsula of Michigan; Duluth, Minn., and Superior, Wis.

"I found the condition of laborers improving in all the cities and towns visited. This applies to the small as well as the large cities. Most of the small towns now contain several labor organizations and all are well spoken of by the business men who come in contact with them."

"The affairs of the International Typographical union are in better shape today than ever before. The membership is constantly increasing and reports from all sections of the country indicate that this increase will continue."

William C. Lown and Burton D. Beach, former members of No. 42.

William C. Lown, a well-known printer and for twenty years a member of Minneapolis Typographical union, No. 42, died at the Printers' home, at Colorado Springs, Col., of consumption.

Low lived previous to coming west, and where his relatives still reside. He left many friends here.

Allied Printing Trades Council. A call has been issued requesting the various unions connected with the printing trades to select three members to attend a conference at Richmond Hall, Wednesday, April 8.

Not the Same Firm. Owing to trouble between the wall paper firm of Kayser & Alman of Philadelphia and the labor unions, a boycott has been placed upon the above firm.

Garment Workers. J. B. Lager, general president of the Garment Workers' International union, held a meeting recently in Philadelphia in the interest of his organization.

The Teamsters' Smoke. N. W. Evans, president of the Team Drivers' International union, spent a few days in the city on official business.

Meeting of Office Employees. The office employees will meet at Holcomb's hall Tuesday evening when a permanent organization will be effected.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE. The machinists at the head of the lakes will work on a nine-hour basis, beginning April 1.

The Meat Cutters' hall will take place at Odd Fellows hall, 320 West Second, on April 12.

E. W. McCully, of Erie, Pa., representing the Iron Molders, is doing work for his union in the twin cities.

J. P. Gardner, business agent of the Machinists' Union, has returned from a trip to Duluth and West Superior, where the trouble between the union and the American Ship Building company has not yet been adjusted.

THE DANISH ISLANDS. Copenhagen, March 27.—It is rumored in parliamentary circles that the Danish commission which is now sitting in the West Indies, has sent home the most pessimistic views regarding the economic future of the islands if they remain in possession of Denmark.

A Conversation With a Climax. When a Professional Man Talks, It's to the Point. Several famous American physicians and surgeons were recently dining together after a session of a national meeting held in New York.

FIGHT AGAINST PIECE WORK

Reasons Union Pacific Machinists Hold Out Against Burt.

The machinists of the Union Pacific railroad are making a strong fight in their strike to prevent the adoption of the piece work system.

As a general custom, the piece work system is introduced into a shop with a scale of prices for work done that for a time enables the average worker to make average wages.

Men's Gloves—A complete assortment of all that is new in either button or clasp. All gloves from \$1.00 a pair up are fully warranted; prices range from 69c to \$2.00.

MACHINISTS' LOCALS ELECT

Delegates to the Annual Convention Are Chosen.

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Men's Trousers at \$2.95—These trousers are of dressy striped, fancy worsteds in handsome effects, and are just what you want to wear with the dark coat and vest.

Men's New Spring Suits—Union made, tailored in faultless manner, made with the stylish broad shoulder effect, and shape-retaining fronts.

Men's Topcoats Range in Prices from \$8.00 to \$20.00.

Men's Furnishings. Correct, nobby things for men and boys at inexpensive prices.

Madras Negligee Shirts—Taken from our \$1.00 and 75c lines and priced special for Saturday, 55c choice.

Special in Neckwear—Four-in-Hand, neck and imperial ties, in good patterns, from our 50c lines, Special Saturday, choice.

We are showing new Easter Neckwear in great profusion. There's not another stock so varied in styles and patterns.

Shirts—You find our assortments of men's and boys' negligee shirts are the largest in the city, showing the greatest variety in the new fabrics and colorings.

Women's Vega Silk Vests. All colors, lace trimmed, regular price 50c each. Special, at, choice, 29c.

Liberty Silk Ruffs. Plain black, black and white and white with black. Regular prices \$5.50, \$6.00, \$6.50 and \$7.25 each. Special, at, choice, \$4.25.

Free Lessons in Beadwork.

Saturday morning from 9:30 until 10:30. We arranged this to give those attending schools an opportunity to learn this popular work.

The Excellence of Patrician Shoes

places them above all other women's shoes at the same price. They rest the feet \$3.50 while walking. Pair—always.

Men's Topcoats—In up-to-date Spring styles. A complete assortment in all the newest fabrics. Thoroughly well made.

Our special \$15 suits are the most exclusive and select styles and patterns in Minneapolis. Plain or fancy colorings, all thoroughly hand tailored by the leading men's clothing manufacturers of New York and Rochester.

Boys' 2-piece Confirmation Knee Pants Suits—Sizes 7 to 16 years, well tailored, made of black clay worsted and blue serge, with reliable linings, worth \$4.00.

Boys' 3-piece Confirmation Suits—Made from finest clay or unfinished worsted and serges, vest and trousers made of same material as coat, serge linings, sewed with pure dyed silk. Price \$4.95.

Boys' Long Pant Suits for Confirmation—In plain black and blue, in any fabric you may want. These garments are out and fashioned on the same smart lines as our men's suits, and tailored in the same careful manner.

Notions. Waterproof and Brush Skirt Binding, colors only, special at yard, 1c.

Children's Hose Supporters, all white, special at, per pair, 1c.

Corset Covers. Tailored finish, of good muslin, worked button holes, perfect fitting, regular price 10c each; special, at, 7c.

Outing Flannels. 200 pieces 27-inch wide, all light colorings, soft, fleecy grade, a 6c value. Special at, yd., 3c.

Children's Drawers. Sizes to 4 years. Special at, 6c.

Infants' Wear Department.

Photo Prices. Cabinet Ovals, dozen, \$2.00. Half Cabinet Ovals, dozen, \$1.50. Minnettes—very popular—dozen, \$1.00.

The Home of Modern Union Made Clothing.

We announce that our Spring lines of Suits and Topcoats are now complete. We invite your early inspection of these goods. The fact that we carry America's leading manufacturers' ready-to-wear clothing is sufficient guarantee of the excellence of our stock.

The Prices for Men's Suits Range from \$5.00 to \$25.00. Men's Topcoats Range in Prices from \$8.00 to \$20.00.

Men's Furnishings. Correct, nobby things for men and boys at inexpensive prices. Note Saturday's Specials. If your size is among these shirts here's a bargain for you.

Nobby Easter Clothing for the Little Men.

Our New Spring Lines are Made by the Best Boys' Tailors in America. Every garment is guaranteed and we ask you no more for the highest grades of Boys' Clothing than you are asked elsewhere for the ordinary kind.

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Matchless Saturday Morning Specials--8:30 till 12.

Quantities limited and under no conditions will we sell to dealers. Silks. Plain, all silk pongees, all colors, cream and black—silk piques, black and colors—white, black and fancy corded wash silks—21-in. all silk white washable habutai silk and 23-in. black china silk.