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UNION COMMENT

When thousands of the Orient were imported to Seattle by the Oriental Trading Co., many white laborers were displaced by cheaper contract labor. On the completion of the railway construction work these foreigners picked up skilled trades, such as shoemaking, cabinet working, and cigar making, thereby displacing many more white men. The members of the cigarmakers' union, seeing the startling menace of this system, began an agitation not only against the employment of the Chinese, but decrying the purchase of goods of their making as well.

To distinguish the products of the Caucasians a white label was placed upon each cigar box, on which was printed a statement that the cigars were made by white men, and it was requested that white men should buy no others. This was the first union label.

Subsequently the color was changed to blue. By persistent agitation, advertising, and missionary work the cigarmakers have succeeded in convincing many people that the best plan is to purchase only cigars which come from boxes bearing this distinguishing mark. Their example has been followed by organized workers in other lines.

A list of the various union labels would be rather lengthy and need not be given here. The aim and objects of the union label, with reasons why both union and non-union people should demand label goods, are of more importance and may be briefly stated.

The aims and objects are:

1. To advertise the fact that there is a union of the craft making the goods labeled.

2. To guarantee that all such goods have been produced under fair conditions as to hours, pay and surroundings of employes.

3. To increase the demand for such goods and thus convince employers that it pays to have the approval of organized labor and its friends.

Why purchase union label goods?

1. Because they are produced by people receiving fair pay and treatment.

2. Because the label guarantees such goods to be free from disease germs so often carried by articles produced under the "sweating" process.

3. Because the price for quality is practically the same as for non-label goods.

4. Because the buyer can be assured that he is not purchasing the life blood of oppressed men, women and children, but the product of honest industry.

5. Because such purchasers will strengthen labor organizations and encourage them to make further efforts to benefit the working people.

6. Because it will put more money in circulation by causing greater demand for and consumption of such goods, with consequent increased employment of organized, well paid workers.

CONCERT HALL BURNS DOWN

A Disastrous Conflagration Visits Havre a Second Time.

The Montana Concert Hall, an old landmark of this city, was destroyed by fire Monday evening together with all the furniture and a large stock of liquors amounting to several thousand dollars.

The fire alarm called out the department at 8:00 o'clock and within a few minutes the firemen were at the scene of the conflagration. The fire had broken out in a room in the rear of the second story, supposed to have been caused by a defective chimney and an overheated stove. So rapidly did the flames spread and so intense was the heat that it was useless on the part of the firemen to endeavor to save the building.

Nearly everything, with the exception of a few articles of minor importance was burned. The loss is estimated at \$16,000 and the property was covered by insurance for about \$8,000.

The attention of the firemen was directed toward saving three blocks of business places that were in immediate danger. They made a gallant fight and were successful in heading off the flames, in the face of circumstances that looked the inevitable. The chemical engines responded to every call; signs and bill boards were brought into play to protect the firemen from the intense heat as they held the hose on J. J. Pott's grocery, the Great Northern ice house and other buildings in immediate danger. Many of the boards used caught fire while the men were fighting.

C. W. Young is making preparations to rebuild the Concert Hall as soon as the weather moderates.

INCIDENTS OF THE FIRE.

Oliver St. Germain appreciated the work of the firemen to the extent of \$50.00. A check for that amount was deposited with Chief West Tuesday morning, which was greatly appreciated by the fire boys.

Marshal Bickle was the busiest man in town and established a system of protecting merchandise deposited in the street that was a source of satisfaction to those interested.

A strong southwest wind favored the large building of the Havre Steam Laundry, but placed the buildings directly east of the Concert Hall in eminent danger.

The atmosphere was a trifle too chilly to permit the chemical engines to work to the best advantage.

Frank Hopkins, proprietor of the Maverick, estimates his loss in stock, broken fixtures, glassware, etc. at \$200.00.

J. J. Potts, the grocer, received damages to the extent of \$400. The building he occupied was scorched considerably, and the chemical and water damaged the stock they were unable to carry out.

FIRE IS AN EPIDEMIC

The fire laddies were kept pretty busy Thursday night. The first alarm came in about 10:30 and the blaze was found to be in the residence of C. W. Young. The response was in time to save the building and contents, but about 1 a. m. the second alarm from the same place sounded, and the response was readily made, but the extreme cold weather made the working of the chemical engines almost impossible. The flames, however, were controlled before a total loss was sustained. About 6 a. m. a third alarm was sounded, the fire this time being on west Third street in the Gold Bug saloon, but was soon under control, with but a small loss.

A HAPPY GATHERING

The Sons of Herman entertained at their hall Sunday evening, after installing their officers for the ensuing term.

Organizer Emanuel Fishel of Kalispell installed the officers and visiting members from Great Falls and Kalispell were present.

The Sons of Herman initiated several candidates and expect to double the membership of the order within a few weeks when they will install a lodge of the Daughters of Herman.

The musical numbers of the entertainment made a decided hit.

A. H. Delaney this week purchased a lot in the Broadwater-Pepin addition and will erect a residence thereon as soon as the weather permits.

WHERE DO YOU BUY YOUR CLOTHES ?

This is a very important matter and still many men of Havre appear to think it of no consequence. They buy just anywhere they happen to see something that strikes their fancy.

**But there is a difference in Stores as
Well as in Clothes.**

**Some Stores Go in for Cheapness
Others for Quality.....**

WHICH DO YOU PREFER?

If it is smartness of style, perfection of fit, thorough reliability you're after, then this is the store for you.

WHO DOES YOUR CLOTHES CLEANING AND REPAIRING?

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