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PICKETS UNLAWFUL

Seattle Court Forbids Union Men to Boycott Restaurant.

The Striking Cooks and Waiters Are Enjoined From Putting Pickets at Restaurant or Boycotting the Business

Seattle, Dec. 2.—Judge Hatch yesterday decided that the picketing of a business for boycotting purposes is unlawful and made permanent the temporary injunction obtained several days ago to prevent the striking members of the cooks and waiters' union from interfering with the business of William Jensen, proprietor of the Bismark cafe. All the afternoon was consumed in the argument of the demurrer of the union, whereby it was sought to have the temporary restraining order issued a few days ago dissolved.

L. Frank Brown, for the strikers, contended that as long as the members of the union employed no other means than moral suasion they were within the law. In support of this contention he quoted numerous authorities which he argued interpreted the law as he was endeavoring to present it to the court.

On the other hand James B. Howe, for Jensen, introduced just as many authorities to prove that while no actual violence had been attempted the business of the petitioner was injured by the picketing of his place, which in itself was an unlawful act.

In his decision Judge Hatch in part said:

There is no objection to laboring men organizing themselves into a union for the betterment of their condition and to obtain such concessions as they can from their employers. Capital is banded together, and there is no reason why labor should not pursue the same course. In fact, the courts have been built up for protection of labor. On the other hand, where a man is running a large business it is his privilege to hire and employ whom he sees fit. If, then labor comes in and says if you don't grant our demands we will boycott you, it is overstepping the bounds and doing something that is repugnant to all sense of American justice. Therefore, the demurrer is dismissed and the order restraining the pickets will be continued in force.

Mr. Brown sought to have the order modified, but this the judge refused to do, saying: "It ought to be broad enough to keep these men away from the petitioner's place of business."

CHINESE NEW YEAR'S.

In San Francisco it is rather an important event.

Chinese New Year's in San Francisco is almost as important an event as the regular Christian New Year's. The Chinese in San Francisco form the largest colony of their people in any Christian city. Their New Year's comes on variable dates between the middle of January and February.

On that date the citizens of Chinatown in San Francisco celebrate joyously and have regular white men's parades. The narrow streets are thronged with whites and Mongolians, the latter dressed in their best silks.

It is part of the Chinaman's religion to pay up all debts on New Year's day and square his accounts. Not only that, but it is incumbent upon him to be as generous as his means will allow. Were he to pass a beggar without giving something he would find no peace for his conscience until the following New Year's day gave him the opportunity to atone.

The white beggars, organ grinders and loafers of San Francisco have learned this, and they observe the day more religiously than they observe the Christian holidays. On the morning of the great Chinese festival they go down to Chinatown and invade the narrow streets in battalions, wearing their most doleful expressions.

The Chinese, passing up and down the sidewalks, throw them coins, sometimes by handfuls. In California, it must be remembered, there are no pennies.

Sometimes a big merchant, a "first chop" man, comes along and gives to each mendicant he meets no less than half a dollar. Then there is a scramble of the lame and the blind, some of them collecting half a dozen times.—Exchange.

Probably.

Mrs. Fussy—It takes half of my time keeping our silver in shape. I wish I could find a polish that would last.

Mr. Fussy—Send for a burglar. He'll clean it up so that it won't bother you any more.—Detroit Free Press.



Wife—How do you like my new hat, George, dear?
Hubby—Oh, I suppose I've got to like it or else buy you another.

The Solar Salt Industry.

The solar salt industry, which at one time was a great business in Onondaga county, N. Y., has been almost wiped out by the competition from the west, but there are still in operation in New York a few plants where salt is obtained by the solar process. In this industry it is necessary frequently to manipulate the covers of the vats wherein the brine is in the course of evaporation, and as the vats are quite numerous the services of many men are required for this work. Judge William G. Cady of Syracuse has recently invented a method of operating these covers by horsepower, so that one animal and a boy can move 160 covers in six minutes. This represents the work of ten men. It is estimated that this device represents a saving of 90 per cent in the labor employed around one of these establishments. It is said that it will be the means of reviving the old industry in this part of the country.—Exchange.

A Light Reason.

"Why are you so happy, old man?"
"Pay raised?"
"Nope."
"Wife away?"
"Nope."
"On your vacation?"
"Nope."
"Then why so joyful?"
"I just got my gas bill and it's only half what I expected."

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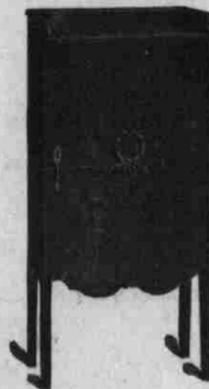
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