

Kottegen alluded to a certain clique with which Smith had lined up against the good of the I. W. W. After this unnecessary debate, the Convention proceeded to discharge the final business before it.

The following were nominated: For General Secretary-Treasurer, St. John, Tom Flynn of New York, and Filigno. Only one new member was returned to the G. E. B., he is J. W. Kelly of St. Louis, filling the place of J. J. Ettor.

Grover H. Perry was elected Acting Editor of the "Industrial Worker." Jos. J. Ettor, Haywood and Fred Isler, are the candidates for General Organizer. It is said, however, that Haywood will not run.

Ben Williams, Justus Elbert and Walker C. Smith were nominated for editorship of "Solidarity." Bill Cook, Grover H. Perry and Chas. Downing were nominated for the editorship of the "Industrial Worker." With the nomination of these officers and a few mellow spirit-like speeches, made by various delegates, for the good and welfare of our organization, the portals of the Eight Annual Convention were closed.

From many standpoints this Convention will mark an important era of the I. W. W. The delegates were all glad that adjournment came. Their faces showed lines of great stress and intense thought. The dust of the work will not be easy to cleanse.

J. GABRIEL SOLTIS.

Ortie and Harry

Quite a bit of comment is being made regarding the treatment accorded McManigal at the county jail. It seems that Ortie, having grabbed the pastry business of the jail, has made a "trust" of his own. It is said that Ortie is making and saving money. Ortie has another source of income, that of making belts from rattlesnake skins. Naturally, McManigal must derive a great deal of pleasure from fashioning his relatives into ornaments for personal adornment.

Ortie was taken out of the jail and given an automobile trip to the Corona races, where he could spend some of his "pie" and "snake" money. Why not? Has McManigal not served the master well? Has he not done their bidding? Then, is he not entitled to his reward? How often will you have to be told that the institutions of this country are not operated for the worker? You who offend the capitalist class receive the limit in punishment, those who serve the capitalist class and do their dirty work receive their reward. McManigal will have a husky "roll" when he leaves the prison, not made from "pie" and "snake" skins but from the pie that the working class have been "skinned" out of. Application is now being made for the pardon of Harry Orchard and the application is being made by church people. Preston, who killed a man in self-defense, while on the picket line at Goldfield, Nev., is serving his term of twenty years at hard labor. The twins served the capitalist class. One served the working class. Will some one have to slap you in the face to make you see the difference?—From "The Wooden Shoe."

Cline Appeals to Rebels

Charlie Cline of L. U. 84, St. Louis, Mo., is in jail at Pearsall, Texas, with other Mexican arms "smugglers" and the murderous government of Texas is trying to hang them because some one killed a dirty deputy sheriff. Letter received as we were going to press says they were to go to trial on September 29. The boys appeal for help to appeal case. Help them all you can. More news next issue.

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Peter Murray Killed.

Missoula, Mont., Sept. 22nd. 1913.
Fellowworker Peter Murray was killed by accident Sept. 17th., while working for the Western Lumber Co. near Twin Creek, Mont. He was a member of Local 40 I. W. W. Logger by trade and about 45 or 50 years old. He was a native of Pennsylvania. Yours for better Working Conditions,
P. STOCK, Secty. No. 40.

Thus saith THE VOICE: Farewell good soldier of the DAWNING AGE! Always death calls first the best and bravest. As you have done your duty, fought well the good fight, may we leave behind you likewise do until we join you in the long, still SILENCE. Farewell.

Says Eureka:

We have finally succeeded in procuring enuf filthy lucre to get a good headquarters and install up-to-date office fixtures. In fact, we have the best I. W. W. headquarters I have ever seen. All rebels are welcome all the time.

Our opinion of the Smith-Heslewood affair has considerably changed since reading the G. E. B. report. In fact we have concluded that they are both good men, if kept apart.

ALEXANDER MacKAY, Sec.

Rebels, Attention!

All Western and Northern rebels, who make it a practice of wintering in the South, please try to land on jobs in the Lumber districts and at once communicate with Secretary Jay Smith, Box 78, Alexandria, La. Cut this out and keep it for reference. Help us overthrow the infamous system of Southern peonage!

SALT LAKE NEWS.

(Continued From Page 1.)

tions in control are racking their brains trying to figure out a scheme to stem the speaking and agitation going on here with poor chances in view, because Local 69 intends to get out once more and push the propaganda and organization at once. The Utah Construction Co. is maintaining a "private jail in Price, Utah" and feeds the men arrested by gunmen in their employ. The county has nothing to say as it is broke financially. The Utah Construction Co.'s edict to the slaves is: "Either go to work on the Coal Road Construction camps or stay in jail" at Price. This company has practically a free hand in this State and has never been balked or hindered in its career of exploitation, robbery and persecution till the I. W. W. called a strike at Tucker in June. Since then the battle has been hot, and Local 69 in spite of handicaps intends to force that company to enforce better conditions and safeguards to the construction workers.

Fellow-Worker Murphy is still in the County Jail awaiting trial in the District Court. The Defense Committee is soliciting aid for him to clear him of the serious charge laid at his door. Geo. Childs is Financial Secretary of Defense Committee. His address is: 118 W. S. Temple Street.

Should you care to print all or any part of this local news it will be welcome to Local No. 69.

Yours for ONE BIG UNION.

Press Committee by

ED. ROWAN.

"Parrots or Pullets"

By Covington Hall.

Some body has been unkindly enuf to send me a copy of "The Western Comrade" of Sept. 1913. On the front cover thereof is a beautiful picture of the Honorable J. Stitt Wilson, sky pilot and alleged Socialist mayor of some godforsaken municipality in that satrapy of the Southern Pacific Railroad called by some stretch of the geographic imagination, "The Sovereign State of California." Hon. Stitt is claimed to have been the most efficient and honest mayor ever counted into office in the said burg and to have saved the cockroaches who live off the leavings of Neroic millionaires several thousands of dollars per annum, thereby beating a lot of ballot-box-conscious slaves out of what was coming to them in the divvy. But this is not what gets our goat in the "Comrade." The thing that makes us really sad and sorrowful-like is an eruption marked for our especial attention on page 184 thereof, and styled "The Gun Is Not Our Weapon," by one Chester M. Wright. Well, Ches, we never alleged that it was, but if our remark that we were GLAD that some body else besides WORKERS were killed at Wheatland had anything to do with creating your brainstorm, we have no apologies to make and we are still GLAD that some one else besides WORKERS went to hell on that historic day. We don't know if we would have been able to show the guts of that Porto Rican boy had we been at Wheatland, but we do know that we are not going to go screaming stuff that tends to bolster up the ruling class and put a damper on the fighting workers just because a damned political lawyer and a few natural born criminals called deputy sheriffs got just what they deserved. Any jackass knows that guns never really settle anything; that after the army must come the building of the new order for which it fought, but YOU LIE when you state: "If he DID shoot true to his interest and if he WON, had he not the sense to VOTE right in the first place he would not have sense enough to know what to do with his victory if he gained it by the gun!" Now that statement is a LIE, first, because it is denied by all history and, second, because you are either a politician or a fool, a double-crosser or a donkey. Further, your whole nightmare is filled with falsehoods, as, for instance, you assert: "The state is a political unit," which no one denies, BUT, IT

IS NOT AN INDUSTRIAL UNIT, and this last is what we I. W. W.'s have been trying to wooden-shoe into your saffron heads for eight long years. Again: "All of us vote as to how it should be conducted," you say, and, in saying it, YOU LIE, AND YOU KNOW YOU LIE, for it is an UNDENIABLE fact that the ink was hardly dry on the "Declaration of Independence" and the "Rights of Man" before the capitalist class set to work to disfranchise the working class, which, neither in this nor in any other country, has the right of ballot, and never will have so long as capitalist society lasts, SO LONG AS THE UNION ALLOWS THE STATE TO DICTATE THE BATTLEGROUND OF THE CLASS WAR.

I could fill a volume answering the false reasonings with which your article is filled, in baring to the light of truth the half truths by which you, like all the class of politicians to which you belong, seek to cloud the issue and swing the mighty movement of the working class away from its revolutionary base out into the quagmires of Bergerism and the quicksands of Jstittwilsonism, but I have time for only one more of your assanine screeches, wherein you say: "Study the use of the ballot. Learn its power." Well we down South HAVE studied "the USE of the ballot" and we have learned that it has no more "POWER" than a snow bird in hades. Down here the side that has the strongest INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATION and the latest pattern of pump—GUNS owns the sacred ballot box, just as they own everything else. This may be "foolish, nonsensical, dangerous, barbaric, unlabor-like, sabotage and gun play," as you so well put it in your diaroehia of words and constipation of thought, but, as dear "Parson" Long says: "Gus, are the bloodhounds hungry? The pump guns

oiled and loaded? Yes? Then, God's will be done. Allah il Allah." And I have a suspicion it is the same throughout the capitalist world, dear little boy blue.

Tell it to Victor, whisper it to Stitt: The question before the house is not whether it will be, as Vic says, "Parrots or Pullets," but if the UNION will be able to SOON gather into itself the POWER to OVEVRTHROW the STATE, which is the INCARNATION of CAPITALIST SOCIETY and CANNOT be USED as a WORKING CLASS POWER.

THE UNION OR THE STATE—those are the POWERS around which are gathering the armies lining up for the death struggle that is pending between the working class and the capitalist class, and all your hysterical talk about the power of ballot boxes cannot change it.

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The working class and the employing class have nothing in common. There can be no peace so long as hunger and want are found among millions of working people, and the few, who make up the employing class, have all the good things of life.

Between these two classes a struggle must go on until the workers of the world organize as a class, take possession of the earth and the machinery of production, and abolish the wage system.

We find that the centering of the management of industries into fewer and fewer hands makes the trade unions unable to cope with the ever-growing power of the employing class. The trade unions foster a state of affairs which allows one set of workers to be pitted against another set of workers in the same industry, thereby helping defeat one another in wage wars. Moreover, the trade unions aid in employing class to mislead the workers into the belief that the working class have interests in common with their employers.

These conditions can be changed and the interest of the working class upheld only by an organization formed in such a way that all its members in any one industry, or in all industries, if necessary, cease work whenever a strike or lockout on in any department thereof, thus making an injury to one an injury to all.

Instead of the conservative motto, "A fair day's wage for a fair day's work," we must inscribe on our banner the revolutionary watchword, "Abolition of the wage system."

It is the historic mission of the working class to do away with capitalism. The army of production must be organized, not only for the everyday struggle with capitalism, but also to carry on production when capitalism shall have been overthrown. By organizing industrially we are forming the structure of the new society with the shell of the old.