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REMEMBER

The friendly business firms who are patronizing the Labor Advocate and endeavoring to show their good will and sincerity through the columns of this paper, the official journal, deserve the patronage of loyal members of organized labor, and will be remembered by them on every shopping trip.

THE SPRINGER SCHEME.

The scheme sprung by Mr. Springer covers every franchise that is lying loose around Cincinnati.

It consolidates the Rapid Transit, the Union Depot, the Inter-urban entrances to the city, the freight belt, and all smaller things that may appear in the future.

It is about the same picture shown to us several years ago by Mr. Bleekman, which looked good until the railroads turned it to the wall.

Mr. Springer says he has all the railroads behind him, but Bleekman said the same thing.

The proposition is simply this, the financial interests of this city have determined not to let these franchises get away from them, which is fair enough. They are the real bidders; the matter has been thoroughly framed, the skids are all oiled, and it will slip through without a hitch.

It would make a good story to publish the way Bleekman was double-crossed. The fellows who took his money to put the scheme through afterwards used their influence to have the railroads hesitate so they could make another touch, but Archibald White said no, and there she hangs.

Labor could cut no figure in the Bleekman grant, but things may be different now owing to the referendum.

Organized labor should not act hastily. We have plenty of time to learn the real conditions, and we should suspend our opinions until we reach that point.

ORGANIZED LABOR AND THE CITY'S DEFICIT.

Assistant Auditor Davis published a statement in all the daily papers last week, that owing to the fact that organized labor had the eight-hour law passed and the needs of the new hospital, that the city was short \$550,000.

To the casual reader and the merchant who pays the taxes, this appears as a tribute that he is giving to organized labor, when, as a matter of fact, there are very few union men working for the city, for the simple reason that politicians, in order to reward their ward heelers, have the jobs placed under civil service on a lower rating than the union scale. Hence union men do not compete.

When Mr. Davis was asked about the matter he said that he did not have any data on the subject, but that he presumed that we could get it from the mayor.

The whole thing is that union labor believes that eight hours is long enough for anybody to work, and the only ones who are benefited in this case are the politicians and the prisoners at the workhouse.

The unfortunates at the workhouse were formerly worked twelve and fourteen hours a day, while Col. W. B. Melish, president of the Chamber of Commerce, who controls the contract, was waxing fat, and attending all the banquets in the city.

If the action of union labor has cut down the working hours for the prisoners at the workhouse, they are proud of it, and the merchants who meet the deficit in the revenue of the city must not believe that organized labor receives a cent of benefit from this condition.

As a matter of fact, about ninety per cent of the deficit is caused by the new hospital.

PROSECUTOR CAMPBELL FINDS A JEWEL.

Prosecutor J. V. Campbell has found a jewel in the person of a private detective worthy of confidence.

Private detectives, as a rule, are so covered with slime and past doings that they are hardly worthy of consideration.

When Doty was tried for the shooting of Miller it appears that in line with his boast at the saloon banquet, Prosecutor Campbell put a private detective to watch every member of the jury, and in one case it was reported by the private Sherlock Holmes that a certain juror went into a certain place where union men go, possibly a saloon.

The deduction was that something was wrong.

Campbell's press agent immediately wrote the matter up, and Campbell demanded that the entire panel be dismissed forthwith, thereby casting a stigma on every member of the jury, notwithstanding the fact that many did not serve on the Doty case.

But Judge Cosgrave turned the proposition down, and the idea to show the public that organized labor tampered with the jury was a failure.

If any individual corrupted a member of the Doty jury it is Mr. Campbell's plain duty to indict and convict not only the person who fixed the juror, but the juror himself.

This can be done without a lot of newspaper boasts and in line with his duty.

We will bet that every one of the twelve detectives he hired belongs to the politician's union.

THE BREWERS AND US.

The Building Trades Council at its last meeting appointed a committee to call on the Brewers' Board of Trade and demand a working agreement between that body and the Building Trades Council.

As the matter stands now, a large percentage of the work is done by scab labor.

Repair and small work seems to be difficult for union labor to secure. Some of the brewers, intentionally and some unintentionally, give this class of work to scabs, but when their attention is called to the fact, they generally put on union labor.

The Building Trades Council believes that this work should be straightened out, and that when the matter is explained to the brewers that they will agree to it.

THE PARK BOARD AND LABOR DAY.

It is announced by the Park Board that they intend to hold the Municipal Picnic on Labor Day, notwithstanding that a committee, headed by Frank Rist, representing the Central Labor Council, requested that some other date be used, and suggested the Fourth of July.

But the Park Board told the committee that they gave the picnic on Labor Day in honor of labor, and that they would not change it.

Of course, if the Park Board can knock union labor out of the financial reward derived from their Labor Day picnic, we suppose it is all right.

The best thing organized labor can do is to take in the Politicians' Union, and then you will see the silk-stocking gentlemen on the Park Board dance if there is any question about them losing their honorary job.

By the way, who does the Park Board work for?

ARRESTS FOLLOW STRIKE SCUFFLE

Machine Tool Manufacturer Is Among Prisoners.

Emmes Charged With Having Interfered With Officers—Union and Nonunion Men Nabbed.

As the result of a scuffle between non-union and striking machinists at Queen City avenue and Buck street, six men, one of them a machine tool manufacturer, were arrested by Police Lieutenant Keidel and a squad of officers early last night.

The men arrested are William Emmes, 1140 Dayton street, President and Secretary of the Boye & Emmes Machine Tool Company, 2245 Spring Grove avenue; Albert Rapp, 310 Kilgour street, and Frank W. Miller, 117 West Ninth street, both employees of the Boye & Emmes firm; Albert J. Seifert, Mt. Healthy, Ohio; John Haimel, 1031 Gest street, and David Thorborn, 2856 Colerain avenue. Emmes is charged with having interfered with an officer and the others with disorderly conduct.

It is alleged that a placard advocating unionism was torn into shreds, and one of the alleged union men arrested was knocked down. It is said the latter came to Cincinnati from Chicago.

The police say when they were endeavoring to establish order after the arrests of the machinists that Emmes interfered with them. The accused men were released on their recognizance and ordered to appear in Police Court.

Emmes declared that the police made a mistake in arresting him.

"I was only looking after the welfare of my employees," he said. "I did not in any manner obstruct the police in making the arrests. My men were attending to their own business when assaulted."

Thorborn has a case pending in Police Court, it is stated, similar to the one in which he was involved last night. He is to be given a jury trial next month.

DEMAND WAGE INCREASE.

New York.—The Embroidery Workers' Union presented the following demands to employers: A fifty-three-hour week, wage increases, union recognition, committee to adjust shop grievances and a board of arbitration. Practically every shop in this city is closed because of the strike to enforce the schedule.

PROTEST

Of Leaders Unavailing and Municipal Picnic Is To Be Held On Labor Day.

The municipal picnic will be given this year on Labor Day, as usual, despite the protest of Frank L. Rist and William Smith, committee from the Central Labor Council, before the Board of Park Commissioners. The committee was informed that the only purpose the board had in giving the picnic was to provide recreation for the laboring men, and the members thought that Labor Day was the ideal day.

TO STUDY UNEMPLOYMENT.

New York.—Mayor Mitchel has appointed President Holland of the State Federation of Labor, and A. F. of L. Organizer Frayne, members of a permanent committee on unemployment, to consist of 20 members. The suggestion was made by members of the mayor's committee of unemployment, appointed in 1914, when the out-of-work question was a serious problem in this city.

One Way Out.

Despite his illiteracy Mose Belt has gathered quite a competency from his whitewashing and kalsomining trade.

Recently during the course of some business with a notary the latter produced a document, saying:

"Sign your name here, Mose."

"Look heah," said Mose, with offended dignity, "I doesn't sign mah name, sub. It's a business man, sub, an' has no time for dem trifling details, I always dictates mah name, sub."—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Equality.

"No such thing as stuckupness about her," says the loyal servitor, defending his mistress against the criticisms of the acquaintance who is inveighing against class discrimination and the attitude of the wealthy toward the working element.

"Well, but don't she order you around?"

"Sure she does! She bawls me out just the same as what she does her husband. She don't make no difference between me an' him even."—Judge.

Served Its Purpose.

Kathryn—I noticed you're not doing your complexion as carefully as you used to.

Kitty—It isn't necessary any more. My present fiance is color blind.—New York Globe.

COMPANY SIGNS AGREEMENT.

The Banner Grocery and Baking Company has signed an agreement with Local No. 213, Bakery and Confectionery Workers' International Union for a closed shop, an eight-hour workday and a wage scale of from \$20 to \$23 a week.

Lines.

Railroads, poems, plays, drawings, thoughtful brows, palms of hands and geometry are made up of lines.

Lines sometimes have a president and a board of directors, and presidents and boards of directors usually have lines. The care of lines produces lines of care.

Fishes and sentimental young ladies are frequently caught with lines.

Poets formerly were much given to inditing certain lines to young ladies, but the modern lady who desires certain lines usually goes to a modiste.

A man who gets a line on other people is either a profligate son, a detective or a tattoo artist.—Judge.

The Real Abanians.

South of Valona lies the only part of Albania where the people call themselves Abanians, or something like it. It is said, according to Sir Charles Eliot, that the names Arboeri and Arboerec are applied to this region and its inhabitants. The natives of the rest of the country know what is meant when Turks speak of Arnauts and Europeans of Albanians, but they do not use this name themselves, preferring to be called Shkyipetar, which means eagle men. Northern Albanians are also generally known as Ghegs, southern Albanians as Tosks, but these names are considered not quite complimentary.—London Telegraph.

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