

ORGANIZED LABOR MAY FORM LEAGUE TO HELP PERSON

Organization Proposed to Assist in Raising Fund in Behalf of Labor Leader.

4,000 TICKETS ARE SOLD

Committee in Charge of Mass Meeting Thursday, Arranging for Overflow Gathering.

Organized labor in the tri-cities may come to the assistance of Carl Person, with the formation of a Person Defense League, composed of delegates from all of the local unions affiliated with the Tri-City Federation of Labor. Such an organization has been proposed as a result of the interest that prevails in the public mass meeting to be held in Industrial hall, Twenty-first street and Third avenue tomorrow night in Rock Island. The object of the proposed organization will be to raise a fund for the defense of the imprisoned labor editor who is editing his paper from a cell in the De Witt county jail at Clinton, Ill., where he faces trial on a charge of murder.

Federation of Labor, are to be the principal speakers at the meeting. In Chicago the central labor body called a conference of delegates from each of the 700 local unions affiliated and these delegates, representing 200,000 union men, met and organized the Person Defense League of Chicago. This organization launched the nationwide campaign that has aroused organized labor all over the country, to the support of the machinist-editor. If a local defense league is formed, it is probable that the Chicago method will be followed.

4,000 Tickets Sold. It was announced today at Industrial hall that 4,000 tickets at 10 cents each have been sold in the tri-cities, toward the Person Defense Fund. The committee in charge of the mass meeting, is arranging accommodations for an overflow meeting, in the event that Industrial hall will not hold the big delegations that are expected from Moline and Davenport.

Person shot and killed Tony Musser, ex-chief of police of Clinton and a strike breaker for the Illinois Central, on Dec. 30, last. The editor who for the last 30 months has conducted a consistent campaign of publicity against the Illinois Central and Harman lines, declares that Musser deceived him from his office by a fake telephone call and then attacked him on the street. He swears that he killed the strike breaker in self-defense.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MEET OPENS IN MONMOUTH

The annual Sunday school teachers' institute of Galesburg district of the Wood River Baptist convention, is to be held at the Calvary Baptist church, Monmouth, tomorrow and Friday. A number from this city expect to attend. Rev. J. W. Whitefield, pastor of McKinley Baptist chapel, is to deliver a sermon tomorrow evening. The devotional service Friday afternoon is to be conducted by delegates from this city.

EXAMINATIONS ANNOUNCED

Tests for Nurses to Be Given at Watertown May 23.

A state civil service examination will be held at each of the state charitable institutions, including the Watertown hospital, Saturday, May 23. Applications must be filed with the chief examiner at Springfield not later than 5 p. m. May 13. The positions to be filled are graduate nurse, class B, grade 1, open to men and women, and salary \$40 to \$50 per month, and male supervising nurse, class B, grade 2, for promotion only and open to employees who have served six months in grade 1. Salary is from \$50 to \$70 per month.

ARSENAL SHOPS ARE VIEWED IN FULL OPERATION

Rock Island Business Men See How War Equipment Is Manufactured.

COLONEL BURR AS GUIDE

Get But Little More Than Half Through in Afternoon and Will Make Second Visit.

That the Rock Island arsenal shops are now being operated nearly to capacity with a single shift of men was made apparent to the 40 Rock Island business men who yesterday afternoon visited the plant on what was expected to be the final jaunt to local industries under the auspices of the Business Men's association. After two hours of steady tramping through the big buildings the party found they had only about half completed the tour, and so it was decided to return next Tuesday and visit the remainder of the establishment.

Colonel George W. Burr, the commandant, who personally conducted the sight-seers over most of the ground, before starting out explained that there is no vacant space now in the buildings. Where at the outbreak of the Spanish-American war 16 years ago but three shops were in use, all eight are now being employed in turning out war equipment, while all of the storehouses are well filled with raw materials or finished products. Over 1,800 men are now employed and more are being added at the rate of 20 or 30 a day, in anticipation of rush orders resulting from the trouble with Mexico. Fifty or sixty men are now working on a night shift getting out products which are needed for immediate use. The entire force is being organized so there will be a minimum of confusion and a maximum of efficiency should it be necessary to materially increase the output to equip a volunteer army for an invasion of Mexico.

See South Shops. The Rock Islanders were shown through the shops on the south side of the main avenue. Among the shops they have yet to see is the one in which the leather work is done and this is perhaps the most interesting of all, being considered the best of its kind in the world.

Those of the party who never before had gone through the shops were impressed by several things. One was the vast variety of manufacturing that is done there. While there is no means of knowing just how many different articles are made, 10,000 is considered a conservative estimate. Each requires special machinery. Probably in no other manufacturing plant in the United States is there such a wide variety of equipment.

Metal shaping tools cover acres of floor space, seldom any two being of the same pattern or designed to do the same work. Operations they perform range from the most delicate to those in which the parts are so heavy they must be handled by machinery. Many hundreds of thousands of dollars are invested in equipment. Many of the machines are especially made and therefore of far greater value than if of a common standard. In a small room are kept the dies, many of these being of a pattern used nowhere else. Colonel Burr estimated that the collection of these alone is worth \$150,000. Some special dies are worth two or three hundred dollars, for it would cost that amount to duplicate them. Some are so heavy that they are lifted into place and removed by means of block and tackle operating on an overhead track.

Uniformly excellent working conditions for employees and a comprehensive system which does away with congestion and confusion in departments are other features which instantly appeal to the visitor. Working quarters are well lighted and well ventilated and safety devices to protect workmen from injury are employed wherever possible. In the grinding and polishing and woodworking departments and elsewhere dust and noxious gases are drawn off by air fans and carried away.

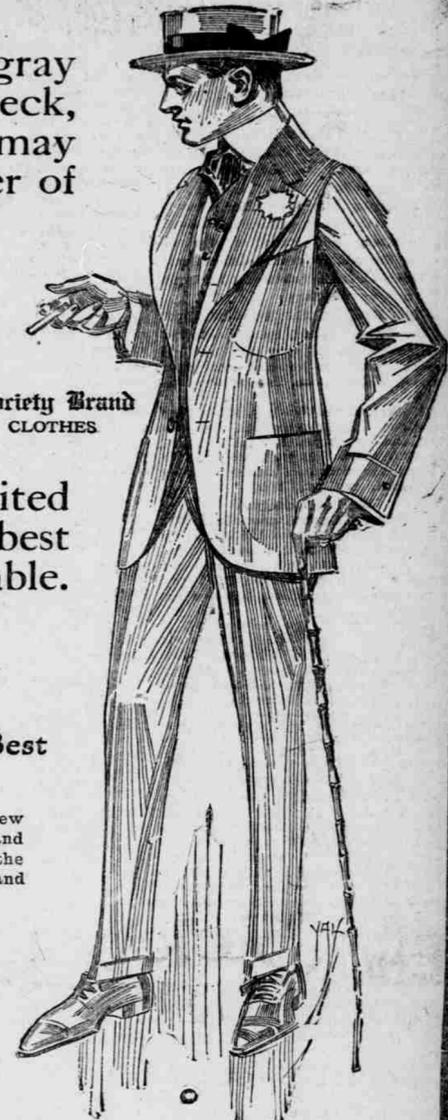
There is so much to be seen that it would take a week to give one a really comprehensive idea of the work being done. Attention of the Rock Islanders was centered on some of the more interesting operations in manufacture.

Make Artillery Wheels. In the woodworking department were seen in course of manufacture, among other things, the heavy artillery wheels which are called upon to stand the terrific strain of carrying the heavy guns and their ammunition often at high speed over the roughest country. This is probably the most severe test to which wheels can be put. In a recent test in which a limber and caisson made in the Krupp works in Germany were tried out along with those made here, it was found that the Krupp wheels stood up better than the others. A study is now being made of the points of superiority of the German wheels, which are more "dished" and have fewer spokes, giving them greater elasticity. Elsewhere was seen a French field gun of late model, the points of superiority of which are being considered in connection with the improvement of guns for the United States army. This experimenting and comparison with foreign countries' best war equipment is going on all the time.

Wooden chests for the transporting of commissary supplies and many other articles were being turned out in

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the wood shop. Machinery is the very latest invented for this sort of work. One which attracted attention was a nailing machine, which, operated by two men, fastened chests together with surprising accuracy and speed.

Rushing Canteens.

The making of canteens was followed from the sheet metal to the finished product. Just now the arsenal is turning out a rush order of 30,000 old style canteens at the rate of 2,000 a day. A great deal of complicated machinery is required to make this one article. The new canteens, which are of aluminum and have screw tops, are interesting because in their manufacture the process of aluminum welding was developed. Aluminum melts only under intense heat. When the making of the new canteens was begun, welding the metal seemed an impossibility. At first the material used as a flux could only be obtained in Europe and it cost \$9 per pound. Chemists at the arsenal were set at work to duplicate it, and they soon were able to do so at a cost of about 5 per cent of what had been paid for it abroad.

In the making of the metal parts of saddles, both for pack and cavalry use, heavy machinery is employed in pressing sheet metal into shape. A large force is kept busy making the many different pieces which are used on saddles and for harness and other leather equipment. Every process is interesting. On some of these electric welding greatly facilitates manufacture, and this operation was watched as was electric riveting employed on the heavy sheet metal parts for limbers and caissons. Much of the welding is done with oxy-acetylene gas, which is brought from Chicago stored under high pressure in heavy tanks. This gas burns with such an intense heat that the flame will cut iron and steel as rapidly as a sharp saw will cut soft wood.

Mount Six-Inch Rifle.

Heaviest metal work is done on the gun carriages on which large lathes, planes and other machines are employed. The largest carriages made here are for the six-inch guns and are exceedingly heavy, as may be judged from the fact that the shell which is

fired from the rifles they carry weighs 100 pounds. Difficulties in moving them about over rough ground are appreciated by anyone who has seen them set up ready for use.

Along with the gun carriages, caissons and limbers are made other wheeled equipment with which the general public is less familiar. One is a cable-laying cart heavy enough to be a load for a couple of strong horses. This strings out the telephone wires after the artillery is placed ready for battle. Orders to begin and cease firing in modern warfare are given over the phone, and this simple drum mounted on wheels is a most necessary part of an artillery detachment's outfit.

A sort of an aerial truck was also set up on the floor of one of the shops. This has a folding ladder which may be raised to a height of 80 feet. From the top of this a man with a field glass can watch the effect of artillery fire and telephone to the ground instructions in order to make it more effective. The man at the top of the ladder naturally is not in the most enviable position in the world, especially during a hot engagement.

The equipment for copying blue prints was also closely inspected. All work at the arsenal is done from blue prints. When an order for a job is given the prints are supposed to be ready to go with it. If they are not, a copy must be made. Formerly this was a slow operation. Sunlight was depended upon for printing. Then an electric light was put in. Even then drying took an unnecessary amount of time. Lately a mechanical dryer has been installed, and now a blue print may be copied and the duplicate be ready for use in 10 to 15 minutes.

Plan Work at Desk.

The planning room is an important part of the shops. In this the foremen have their desks and here they map out the work for the men under them systematically and accurately. A card index system keeps track of each workman and what he is engaged on. When he finishes his work he applies at one of the several windows for new instructions and the foreman is supposed to see that they are ready for him.

Another evidence of systematic bookkeeping was to be seen in the cost and accounting room, where half a dozen people keep the records of 1,800 men who are paid four times a month.

The visitors were shown much that it is impossible in the space of a

newspaper story to even refer to. They were conducted through the last shop under direction of Captain G. R. Norton, Colonel Burr having been

called away by other duties. The commandant cordially invited them to return at any time and complete the inspection of the establishment.

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