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The telephone franchise promoters are laying low until after election. They are busy electing aldermen in the interest of the "dear people" just now.

They say, don't get in a hurry; take one thing at a time, and things will evolve all right. Hanged if we can find a place where power gave up sway until it had to—'taint comin' that way.

The Social Democracy has established a co-operative colony at Olalla, Wash. The Co-Operator is the name of a weekly paper published by the colony, and is successor to the Social Democrat.

The people of Havana are again to be given a forcible exhibition of the real meaning of American freedom. A four-cornered contest is now going on at Havana, with the possession of its streets for rapid transit purposes as the prize.

In France recently—a man adulterated flour with fine saw dust and he was promptly sent to prison for ten years. In this country the men who adulterate food are promptly sent to Congress and promoted a front seat in the fashionable churches. The French are not civilized.

If present conditions continue much longer, it will soon get so that producers will be glad to get any kind of meat to eat. Even the "embalmed beef" that Gen. Miles turned up his nose at, and which the army department gave to the army to fight the Spaniards on, will be considered by them as "mighty rare eatin'."

The rush of American office-seekers and franchise grabbers to Cuba, Puerto Rico and the Philippines scared those people up to the fighting point. They say the wholesale purchase of franchises from the dying Spanish de jure officials was wonderful in the bribery line. It is awful to contemplate those poor devils who escaped from the rule of the Spaniards to the grip of the Yankee trusts. Our people have grown used to it, but it is a new inquisition to those people. They will get used to it just as we have.

It does not take long to figure out how long it will require for all the wealth to become the property of the few. In thirty years 31,000 families have obtained legal possession of fifty-four thousand million dollars of wealth out of a total of sev-

enty-two thousand million, which the 14,000,000 families of the United States have created. They surely can get all worth having of the remaining eighty-four thousand millions in the next ten years. Human nature, ignorant nor intelligent, has never silently consented that a few should possess all the wealth, nor will they. At the present rate of absorption all the wealth, except a few homes, will be owned by the few in five years, and these few are eating each other up, so the number of rich grows less and less.

The people are anxious for a change. O, yes. But the change they want is one that will prevent the big monopolies from getting so much, but not at all interfere with the small fellows doing business for a "profit." No such a change is possible. The big fellows have the same right to make all the "profit" they can just as much as the little fellows have to make their "profit." They cannot conceive of a business being done unless a "profit" is made, and until they can or until they are firmly convinced that they can never get a chance to make "profits," will they be willing to advocate the public ownership of the means of production and distribution. All the woes of all the people of all nations flow from the one cause—private ownership of what should be publicly owned.

GOVERNOR TANNER THANKED.

Gov. John R. Tanner of Illinois has received several thousand communications endorsing the position he took in the recent coal strikes, but very few can equal the endorsement given by the Federated Trades Assembly of Duluth in the resolutions passed Friday night. The resolutions were drafted by Walter M. Thompson, Thomas Savard and William Garland. In full they are as follows:

Whereas, the coal miners of Virden and Pana, Ill., were in the summer of 1898 engaged in a strike, where victory meant a living wage for the toiler and his family, and failure, servitude and slavery to the miners and those dependent on them; and,

Whereas, the termination of the strike stands unprecedented in its far-reaching benefits, and unsurpassed for its importance to organized labor; and believing that the timely and courageous action of the Hon. John R. Tanner prevented the coming to pass, in the state of Illinois, of the prophecy of our martyred president, when he warned the people of the United States against the growing power of a combination of wealth that would defy all law and become a menace to the life and liberties of the American people; and,

Whereas, the governor of Illinois defied this robber corporation and refused to place at their command the armed guards of the state for the slaughter of the striking miners, and for the protection of the corporation and its pauper labor, but on the other hand, calling them out to prevent the importation of pauper labor, as against the laws of the state, for the protection of the weak and down-trodden wage-earners of Pana and Virden;

We therefore express our admiration for the brave and manly courage of John R. Tanner, governor of Illinois, who,

seeing his duty in the light of conscience, knew no fear of corporation interests and combinations of the money power, and has protected the toilers of Pana and Virden, and demanded for them strict justice, a fair day's pay for a fair day's work, and that criminals, toughs and off-scourings from another state should not be permitted to wrong toilers that have made homes for themselves surrounding the coal mines, and are educating their children for the amelioration of the human race.

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Duluth Trades and Labor Assembly, voicing the sentiments of the thousands of toilers in our fair northwestern commonwealth, do hereby express our admiration and appreciation of the valuable services rendered to our toiling brethren at Pana and Virden, and to the organized labor of the United States.

TOWNE IS HONORED.

The minority vote of the Minnesota state legislature for United States senator was cast for Hon. Chas. A. Towne last Tuesday. It is an honor worthily bestowed, and Senator Baldwin voiced the sentiment of the people of the Sixth district when he placed Mr. Towne in nomination in the following eloquent language:

"Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Senate: On behalf of the minority in this senate, I rise to nominate for United States senator for the state of Minnesota a man whose name is known throughout the length and breadth of the commonwealth; yes, throughout this great country and beyond its extensive borders; a man who has not sought or expected this honor, but who himself insists that the honor and distinction which we would here and now bestow upon him rightfully belongs to another; a man who has not been in public life for any benefit which he might personally derive therefrom, but holding principle above party, and believing that the party whose idol he was, the party that he represented in the halls of congress, had departed from principles of justice and right, he left that party and all the honor and splendor which it offered him, to champion the cause of the people with whom he has always been in close touch, and whose condition and needs he has made his constant study; a brilliant scholar, whose range of study and investigation have been almost without limit; a matchless orator, whose eloquence holds spellbound the thousands who gather whenever he speaks; a splendid statesman, whose fame, young as he is, has spread from sea to sea, and who gives promise of greater things with advancing years; a patriot whose love of country and flag is excelled by none—such a scholar, orator, statesman, patriot, Mr. President, I nominate for United States senator—the Hon. Charles A. Towne, of St. Louis county."

Labor Measures.

There will be several labor measures introduced at this session of the state legislature by the Minnesota State Federation of Labor, and some others will be introduced by individuals, but with the indorsement of the Federation and a promise of support to secure their passage. The Federation council has already passed upon and indorsed three bills: An electric motormen's license; an eight-hour bill, and a labor registration bill. Several other measures are being prepared which will be of benefit to the working classes of the state.

The council has decided not to appoint a lobbyist for this session, but that the council, or individual members thereof, should attend to all legislation, believing that better work could be accomplished with less expense in this way than by having a lobbyist continually at the state capital.

Any union having a labor measure which they wish to have presented to the legislature should report the same at once to Arthur W. Field, secretary Federation Council, 509 Humboldt avenue north, St. Paul.

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Socialist Lecture.

Section Duluth, S. L. P., proposes to give a series of lectures. The first one will be held on next Thursday night, January 26, at Kalamazoo hall. Edward Kriz, president of the Trades Assembly, will be the speaker; subject, "The Development of the Socialist Movement." Admission is free, and working men and women will be particularly welcome. Questions will be answered by the lecturer, and opponents or non-members will be allowed to make short addresses.

LOCAL NOTES.

The building trades intend having a big display at the labor bazar.

The labor bazar committee will meet next Tuesday evening, at No. 11 First avenue east.

The Jolly Pathfinders will give a dance at the Armory the evening of Jan. 25. Everybody invited.

There is every probability that organized labor will take a more active part in the coming city election than ever before.

The Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association will give its second annual ball at Odd Fellows' hall, Wednesday evening, Feb. 15.

The F. F. Adams Co., tobacco manufacturers of Milwaukee, are on the unfair list. They do not employ union labor. Look for the label.

The Label League meets next Monday night at No. 11 First avenue east. All delegates should be present, as matters of importance will come up.

The Central Labor Union, of Cleveland, O., has put a full ticket in the field for the spring city election. What is the matter with Duluth doing the same?

Wm. Strauss, a representative of the local cigar makers' unions of New York has been in the city this week in the interest of the label. He left Thursday night for Fargo.

The business firms of the city are heartily responding to the request of the labor bazar board of managers to make displays, and it is expected some very elaborate booths will be on exhibition.

An offer made to the Washington, D. C., typographical union, by the Mergenthaler company, to supply machines for the purpose of instructing in their operation, has been rejected. The printers regard it as an entering wedge for their introduction into the national printing office.

The typographical unions of the Twin Cities are interesting themselves in regard to the establishment of a state printing office, as suggested in Governor Lind's message. A committee has been appointed to look up statistics on the question and to draw up a suitable bill to present to the legislature.

The street car employees met last Saturday night and elected the following officers: President, John Pyte; vice president, J. H. Tomlin; recording secretary, R. C. Dryer; financial secretary, A. B. Kenyon; treasurer, S. M. Johnson. Trades Assembly delegates: Cobb, Kenyon and Wallace.

The street car employees' union was treated to three boxes of cigars at last Saturday night's meeting by Claveaux & Co. A letter accompanied the gift thanking the employees for their patronage in the past and the wish that the company would continue to deserve their good will. A rising vote of thanks was given the firm by the boys.

Carl Upham, tobacco manufacturer of New York, has broken faith with the union and is now using machines operated by girls. This firm has employed union labor for the past eight years and gained a wide reputation on the strength of the label. The unions of New York have sent Wm. Strauss on the road to agitate against the use of this firm's brands.

The Gradle & Strotz Tobacco company, of Chicago, have unionized their factory, and are now using the union label upon all of their goods. For fifty years this firm has been employing non-union labor, but have come to the conclusion that union labor is more profitable in the long run. Among their brands are Sweet Tip Top, Beats All and Double Eagle. Call for this firm's brands when purchasing. See their adv. on first page.

The cigarmakers, at their meeting Wednesday evening, appointed a committee of twelve for agitating the blue label. The committee will be divided into four sections of three each, to work in different parts of the city. The cigarmakers are hustlers, so we can look for some good, effective work to be done. The committee consists of Messrs. Garland, Schebecky, Malaston, Piering, Weismueller, Kehtel, Ruhnke, Paschkowski, McQuirk, Davis and Anderson.

TRADES ASSEMBLY.

An Interesting Meeting—Matters of Importance Discussed.

Friday evening's meeting of the Trades Assembly was quite well attended, nearly all delegates being present. The officers recently elected were installed, and the old officers retired, with the thanks of the assembly for good work performed.

Wm. E. McEwen, in retiring from the presidency of the Assembly, made a very interesting speech, covering several points of interest. In speaking of the attitude taken by certain enemies of organized labor, he said:

"There has been no capital to drive away. As far back as I can remember, and I was born here, there has not been a single bona fide manufacturing establishment in Duluth. After the bonuses have been used up and the land given disposed of to suckers, the plants have been closed up and the 'capitalists' left the city."

A committee was appointed to investigate as to what amount, if any, is to be paid the street railway company by the city for the construction of the approach to the Duluth-Superior bridge and the grounds for such payment.

It was decided that in case any of the aldermen who voted against the eight-hour day resolution are candidates at the coming election, the assembly would issue an appeal to organized labor and its friends to vote against them. This plan was adopted after a long discussion as to how the assembly should proceed. It was suggested that the assembly call a convention and nominate candidates, and that organized labor endorse such candidates, nominees of the parties or independents, who were friends of organized labor. These suggestions brought up the old question as to whether the assembly should go into politics.

There was a great diversity of opinion and the discussion waxed warm. Had it not been that the brevity of the time before election rendered it doubtful whether anything effective could be done in the way of getting the members of organized labor together to select candidates, it is possible that something to that end might have been done. This, however, brought the delegates together on the motion made by Mr. McEwen, to appoint a committee to prepare and circulate an appeal as stated above. The committee consists of W. E. McEwen, Henry Dworschak and Edward Kriz.

There was some discussion as to whether the appeal should be worded to include "all aldermen who had violated their pledges," or should be confined to their action on the eight-hour resolution. It was the sense of the delegates that it would not be well to cover too much ground.

Labor Bazar.

The bazar board of managers met last Monday night and planned considerable work ahead. A committee consisting of Wm. Garland, Chas. Leytze and Wm. E. McEwen, was appointed to get up the bazar program and solicit advertising. Messrs. Garland, Dunn and Conklin were appointed to call on the different business firms of the city and arrange space for exhibits.

The different unions are taking hold of the affair in good earnest and from all indications the exhibit will be the finest ever seen in the northwest. Both floors of the Armory will be used, which will be a great improvement over the bazar given last winter. At that time only the basement was utilized, and the lack of room was a great inconvenience to the large crowds which visited the bazar each evening.

On the first floor will be arranged the stage, and of course the people from the gallery will be able to both hear and see. An art exhibit on a large scale will be on this first floor, besides the booths of different trades. All the machinery, etc., will be in the basement, so as not to interfere with the excellent program of music and speaking which is being arranged for each evening.

The date of opening the bazar has been changed from the 6th of March to the 13th. Admission to both floors will be 15 cents; season tickets, 75 cents.

Twentieth Century Club.

A musical entertainment, "The Evolution of the Dance," will be given at the High School assembly hall, under the direction of Mrs. Loman, Monday evening, Jan. 23. The musicale is under the auspices of the Twentieth Century club, and will be free to all members. A fee of 25 cents will be charged non members.

The firm of Finzer & Bros., New York, after employing union help and using the label for many years, have sold out to the tobacco trust. Look for the label.

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