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Labor Notes.

The Labor Reform Party of Blair County, Penn., polled over 3,000. "Not so bad for a beginning" says our organ there, the *Commonwealth*.

At a meeting of the operative carpenters and joiners held in Aberdeen on Tuesday, preliminary steps were taken to approach the employers for an increase of wages.

The workmen in Woolwich Arsenal have been officially informed that they may expect shortly a favorable answer to their memorial on behalf of the nine hours system.

On Monday the Alyth shoemakers submitted their new demand for a rise of wages, equal to 15 and 20 per cent. on some kinds of work. An answer was demanded by Friday.

The master shoemakers of Arbroath have agreed to a revised scale of prices which was submitted to them by the operatives, and which increases the wages of the latter by about 12½ per cent.

The cigar-makers of this city are still out on strike, and the employers, with the exception of Messrs. Drouillard and Schuck, who gave the advance, still show opposition to the demands of the men.

The enginekeepers in the employment of Messrs. Hannay, of the Blochairn Iron Works, Glasgow, who came out on strike a few days ago, resumed work on Monday, at an advance of 1s. per week on all work.

At several of the collieries in the Dunfermline district the miners have again begun to work eight hours per day, the masters having agreed to allow an advance of 9d. per day from the first pay in October.

At the miners conference held at Walsall recently, it was decided that the conference should co-operate with the National Association of miners, with the view of obtaining direct representation of workmen in Parliament, and Mr. Alex. Macdonald was spoken of as a probable candidate.

A strike of no less than 40,000 cotton hands is expected in the Ashton-under-Lyne District, England, in consequence of a demand for an increase of fifteen per cent. in wages, which the employers refuse to grant. It is not improbable that, if the strike occurs, it will extend through the entire cotton manufacturing region.

M. A. Foran, President of the Coopers International Union, and H. J. Walls, Clerk of the Iron Moulders' International Union, are actively engaged in an effort to establish an Industrial League of all the trades associations in the Nation. Both are able men and staunch Trades Unionists, and from their combined efforts much good may confidently be expected.

At a meeting of journeymen bakers held in Edinburgh on Tuesday night, Mr. Dixon moved, as had been agreed by a large majority of the trade committee, that a rise of wages should be recommended to the trade after Monday next, but that the amount should be left to the discretion of the employers, with the understanding that all middle-class men be raised to 24s. per week. As an amendment it was proposed by Mr. Pillans that a general rise of 1s. a week be asked. The amendment was carried by a majority.

The pitmen in the North of England who occupy houses whose valuation is included in that of the pits to which they are attached, have commenced an agitation for the franchise. At a demonstration of the miners of the Morpeth district, held on Saturday, it was announced that the ultimate aim of the movement in that borough was to secure the return of Mr. Burt, formerly a working miner, as their representative in place of Sir G. Grey. On Monday, Mr. J. C. Heath held an adjourned Registration Court for the borough of South Shields. The claims of 240 of the miners of St. Hilda and Harton Collieries, to be placed on the register of voters, were again brought up. The Revising Barrister

said the fact of the men not paying rates was immaterial so long as they were paid. He looked upon them as tenants within the meaning of the Act of Parliament, and allowed the whole of the claims, 240 in number. The decision is a most important one, as it will affect claims in other places.

THE AGRICULTURAL LABORERS' UNION.—The executive committee of the National Agricultural Laborers' Union met on Monday, at Leamington. Mr. Arch presided, and there was a large attendance. A letter addressed to the secretary was read from John Phipps, laborer, of Sherbourne, who had been ejected from his cottage by Lord Sherbourne's agent, for joining the Union. He described the way his furniture had been thrown into the street and damaged, and the sufferings of himself and wife, whilst left exposed to the night, and gratefully acknowledged the kind assistance subsequently rendered by his brother unionists. The council decided to indemnify him for the damage done to his furniture, and provide him with a situation at Birmingham. The secretary reported the results of his recent visit to Dorset, where the men were leaving places in consequence of farmers wanting them to enter into agreements for twelve months' service. The council resolved to assist the men and their families to migrate to other districts, and also those who desired to emigrate. Letters were read showing that the farmers had already begun to retaliate on the laborers by dismissing them for joining the Union, and the council resolved to assist all cases brought under its notice.

CANADIAN.

The horse epidemic is prevailing to an alarming extent at Chatham.

It is reported that an epidemic has broken out among the swine at Hull, Ottawa.

On Thursday evening of last week, the Hon. Jas. Ferrier, of Montreal, celebrated his golden wedding.

The leading wholesale houses of Ottawa intend to close at one o'clock in the afternoon of Saturday, in future.

London has been visited by a horde of burglars, who made descents upon several houses on Wednesday and Thursday last.

It is reported that Mr. Tarbox, late of the firm of R. M. Wance & Co. Hamilton intends erecting a large factory on King street, on some property he has purchased for the purpose.

Last week a deputation of Foresters, headed by Mr. D. J. O'Donoghue, waited upon Sir John A. Macdonald to receive his instructions as to how to proceed to secure the incorporation of the ancient order of Foresters in the Dominion.

COUNTERFEIT MONEY.—Bogus 50c., 25c. and 10c. Canadian silver pieces are in circulation in London and its neighborhood, which all dealers will do well to keep a sharp lookout for. There are some good grounds, for believing that the mint is not situated any great distance away from London.

The Directors of the Montreal Young Men's Christian Association have entered into negotiations for the purpose of setting on foot a regular course of popular lectures by eminent men from different parts of Canada and the United States, including such celebrities as Professors Wilson, Goldwin Smith, Rev. Mr. Punsion, Henry Ward Beecher, George Macdonald, etc.

A fearful accident occurred at Peterboro', last week. The youngest daughter, a child five years old, of Mr. John J. Hall, Division Court Clerk, while playing with her brother, a child of seven years of age, with a lighted candle and a face made from a pumpkin, caught fire and was literally burned to death. She lingered till noon, some three hours, and then died.

AN IMPOSTOR.—The "Hon. and Rev. Mr. Neville" requires looking after. He swindled a lady in Williamsville, and perhaps others in the city. He came from Napanee, where he likewise imposed on benevolent folks. He is a young man of gentlemanly appearance and pleasing address. He wears an eye glass over a Roman nose. So the public should look out for an "Hon. and Rev." who wears an eye glass and a Roman nose, and cheats.—*Kingston Whig*.

Captain George Collins, keeper of the Nottawasaga Island lighthouse, was the recipient on the 23rd inst., through the Mayor of Collingwood, of a handsome gold watch, presented to him by the Dominion Government for his gallant conduct in saving life in the Georgian Bay in October, 1860, November, 1865, and August and November, 1870. The watch bears the following inscription: Presented by the Government of Canada to Geo. Collins, keeper of the Nottawasaga Island lighthouse, Ontario, in acknowledgment of his gallant conduct in saving life on the Georgian Bay, Province of Ontario, in Oct, 1860; November, 1865; Aug and Nov., 1870.

On the day of the Binbrook and Saltfleet township Agricultural Show, a man named John Anderson was gored by a bull which he was leading to the show ground. The animal became unruly, broke the leading pole and assaulted Anderson, tearing open his leg in a shocking manner. Luckily Anderson, by the assault, was hurled close to a stump fence among the roots of which he scrambled, and thus saved his life. Shortly afterwards the owner of the bull, Mr. Jarvis, came up, captured the infuriated brute and rescued the keeper from his perilous position.

NEW BONUS FOR THE CREDIT VALLEY RAILWAY.—A meeting of influential property-holders in Peel, in that part of the county through which the Credit Valley Railway route lies, was held at Brampton, on Wednesday, Judge Scott occupied the chair, and Mr. Laidlaw, President of the company, laid before the meeting the propositions of the company, on which they are willing to submit another by-law to the vote. After deliberate consideration the propositions were unanimously accepted, and a petition was signed asking the County Council to submit the by-law.

AMERICAN.

An editor's pocket was picked at Litchfield, Ill., and he tried to make the public believe he lost \$2. Two dollars in an editor's pocket? Pahaw!

According to the *New York Herald* over five thousand horses in that city are suffering from the "epihiffic." What's in a name?

A Leavenworth editor sat down in a reserved seat already occupied by a hornet. He stands up when scissoring his editorials now.

A barn filled with grain, belonging to Hon. Frank Jones, at his farm near Portsmouth N. H. was burned last Sunday. Loss from \$10,000 to \$15,000. Insured.

A Puerto Principe private letter announces the successful arrival of a small expedition which left Puerto Plata with a few arms and a good supply of powder and lead for the Cuban insurgents.

Fifteen hundred dollars was raised for the benefit of Alsatian emigrants at A. Delmonico's French dinner last Saturday night, and a committee of fifteen selected to raise funds and issue an address to the public.

The Norwalk Board of Select-men admitted to the rights of an elector, Sarah M. T. Huntington, and she will vote for the Presidential electors. She is believed to be the first female voter thus admitted.

The emigration from Germany to the United States increases daily. Thousands of emigrants, including not only farm hands, skilled laborers and tradesmen, but people of the wealthier class, are constantly arriving at Hamburg to take the steamers for New York.

Brooklyn is suffering similarly to New York from the horse disease. Its principle piers for freight are piled up for want of means to remove it. The steamer *India*, which arrived on Friday, has not yet commenced to discharge her cargo. If the present state of things continues a week, the steamers cannot be unloaded.

A fearful balloon accident happened at Dekalb on Saturday. An aeronaut had a balloon ready to ascend, when, before he had entered the car, it broke loose and flew upward; the hanging rope caught around the leg of a man named McMann, and carried him up to a height of about one hundred feet, when he managed to climb into the basket. When the balloon had reached a distance of four hundred feet from the earth McMann deliberately jumped out and was picked up dead.

Philadelphia has a "collector of bad debts," who wears a very high hat, on which is printed in flaming letters, "Bad bills collected." Thus arrayed, with everybody looking at his hat, he goes and knocks at the debtor's office—stands around the door and makes the pre-

mises look generally ridiculous till the debt is paid. Then he takes fifty per cent. of it and gives the rest to his "client." He is said to be rapidly amassing a large fortune.

It is now understood that as soon as Congress shall meet, a Commission will be appointed to take evidence with regard to distributing the lump sum awarded at Geneva among the claimants who suffered from losses by the Anglo-Confederate cruisers during the war. Some fears appear to have entered the minds of claimants that the fate of the French Spoliation claims, which date back to 1803, would overtake them. There is not the slightest danger of this while there is an independent press to keep lazy or unwilling legislators to their duty.

HARVESTING MACHINES.—In California, wheat is this season cut, threshed, cleaned and bagged by one machine, at one operation, at the rate of twelve acres per day. In Kentucky a machine for cutting hemp is in successful operation, and the crops of the cotton fields will doubtless ere long be gathered by a cotton-picking machine, which has already been successfully tested, and which gathers the cotton into large bags ready for the gin.

The great work of boring through the Hoosac Mountain is steadily progressing; the progress made in September was 310 feet. The total length of the tunnel now opened is 20,809 feet, leaving 4,226 feet to be tunneled. There is a central shaft from which workmen excavate toward the east and west, while from the outside parties are working from both directions towards the centre. The rock remaining to be bored is in two separate parts. Between the east end and the central shaft only 669 feet remain, and at the present rate of work this will be penetrated in less than six months, when but little more than 3,000 feet will have to be cut through to finish the undertaking.

CURE FOR THE HORSE DISTEMPER.—A gentleman whose horse was attacked a few days ago, informs the *Buffalo Courier* that he has nearly, if not quite, cured him, and the means he employed may be attended with success in other cases. First the stable was thoroughly cleaned and carbolic acid freely used as a disinfectant. Secondly, by the use of the alcohol bath once a day and blanketing, he got his horse warm and kept him so. Next, he used bromo-chloralum as a wash for the neck, nose and mouth; he gave the mash warm, and stimulated the animal with a half pint of port wine twice a day, and he is now persuaded that his treatment is good.

FOREIGN.

A Spitalfield's woodchopper has been committed to prison for seven days for neglecting to send his boy, 9 years of age, to school.

An English Borgia case is occupying public attention. No fewer than twenty deaths are said to have occurred at the hands of Mary Ann Cotton.

Thomas Stoddard, secretary of the Stockton branch of the Modern Druids' Friendly Society, has been sentenced to three months' imprisonment for embezzling the funds of the society.

The Rhosdu pit of Wrexham colliery was on Monday inundated with water, which rose to nearly the top of the shaft. No men were working at the time, but fourteen horses were drowned. Several hundred men are thrown out of employment.

Earl Russell, although in his eightieth year, still spends a great portion of his time in literary pursuits. He is now engaged in writing a pamphlet, in which, it is said, the decision of the Geneva arbitrators will be criticised, and the views of Sir Alexander Cockburn substantially endorsed.

The *Pall Mall Gazette's* correspondent states that a large manufactory of railway carriage springs, established at Kralingem, near Rotterdam, by a large Sheffield house, has just been inaugurated; and that other English manufacturers intend to establish branches in Holland.

The *Birmingham Post* understands that the Westley-Richards Small Arms and Ammunition Company have just concluded a contract with the Prussian Government for the supply of 150,000 rifles of a new and improved pattern, together with a million of cartridges. The new rifle, which is on the bolt principle, is, we believe, an adaptation of the Mauser gun.

A dreadful crime was committed a few days ago in the commune of Savigny-en-Revermont

(Saone-et-Loire). A farmer named Ponot killed his wife with a hatchet, then attempted to murder an inhabitant of the locality, destroyed a young child lying asleep in its cradle, and finally committed suicide by hanging himself from a tree. Mental alienation is supposed to be the cause of this conduct.

Not long ago an African boy was found wandering, homeless, and brought to Marlborough street, where he stated he had "struck" against a conjuror who had exhibited him as the devil. Numerous offers have been made by tradesmen to take him into their service, and the magistrate gave him over to Mr. Cremen, the foreign toy importer, who was one of the applicants.

A horrible case of cannibalism took place at Droylsden, near Manchester, on Sunday. A young collier, named Thomas Phillips, had been to Droylsden with his sweetheart, when he met a young man named Thomas Harrison, to whom he was a perfect stranger. Without the slightest provocation, Harrison knocked Phillips down, then fell upon him, and, throwing his arms around his neck, he bit the end of Phillips' nose off. The young cannibal was speedily apprehended, and was committed for trial.

The cylindrical iron railway car is a new invention by a Scotch mechanic. It is of wrought iron, firmly rivetted in the form of a cylinder, partaking more or less of a complete circle in its cross section, as the strongest shape into which a given weight of metal can be put. The doors are arranged in each end, opening out into a platform, which, when the train is in motion, serves as a means of communication through all the cars. The openings for the windows are in the same position as in ordinary cars, and the seats can either be made across or along the car. In either case owing to the slightly increased breadth, a passage is left from one end of the car to the other. The iron plates of the car, owing to the circular shape, require little if any framework, and the few ribs necessary are utilized for ventilation. The platform is made to serve as a great collision buffer. The roof is extended over the platform, and while serving as a cover, is also a buffer, on the same principle as the platform underneath.

A gentleman who was recently bathing had his clothes maliciously, not feloniously, appropriated. He was left in this fix, but "his friends" had not taken his umbrella, and a happy idea entered his head. Taking the handle from the umbrella, he inserted his head in it, fixed the apex of it round his waist, and charged down the turnpike road till he reached a cottage, and was enabled, after much opposition, to get an entrance and explain the joke to the lady of the mansion, who went to his inn for more clothes. The missing garments were there; the owner has promised the practical jokers a return of the joke in kind.

For stealing a tray of diamond rings, value £180, from the shop of Mr. W. Willoughby, at Wincor, two men named Thomas Gibson and Thomas Hall have been sent to penal servitude for five years. One of the prisoners drove up in a fly to Mr. Willoughby's, and engaged the attention of the assistant, who waited upon him in the street, in a conversation, while the other walked into the shop and removed the tray of diamonds.

PRESSURE IN STEAM BOILERS.

The question as to whether the pressure in a steam boiler was equal or different at top and bottom, concerning which there seems to be some difference of opinion among engineers though it is difficult, from the simplicity of the facts involved in considering the question, to see how a difference of opinion should exist—has nevertheless been experimentally determined by the Messrs. Hunter, at their establishment. An elbow was attached to the end of the blow-off pipe which entered the mud-drum, into this a plug was screwed, and tapped to receive a half-inch pipe; to this a steam gauge was attached and the cock opened. On comparing the indications of the gauge attached at the top of boiler and to the top of drum, as above described, it was found that the pressure was greatest at the bottom, by a pound and a half, proving, as might readily have been predicted, that the pressure upon the bottom of a boiler is equal to the steam pressure indicated above, plus the weight of a water-column equal in height to the difference in level between the drum and surface of water in boiler, and in diameter that acting on the gauge.