

BAKERS' STRIKE

Tune: You'll wish you had not used us so. The Bakers' Union went on strike Eight months ago to-day; Since that day each man involved Received the striker's pay. E. M.—a threw the union down, Of course you all know that; His wife says, Dear, what's this I hear, I'll tell you straight and flat.

Chorus. The Bakers' Union fought for you For years from night till morn, Your friends and neighbors turn you down And point to you with scorn. You'll wish you had not used us so Before your dead my lad, When your own children tell you They're ashamed of their own dad.

There's a—s—s you all know, A man of bygone days; He sold himself to slavery, So Charlie Upa Shaw says; And that he can't deny, The little children on the street Will shout as he goes by.

The three firms that we're fighting All agreed to never flinch, To knock the Bakers' Union out They'll find no lead pipe cinch. The firms by this time realize That strikes will never pay, And very soon they change their tune And to old D—k F—s say:

Our members stood out gallantly For what they think is right; They put their shoulder to the wheel And pushed with all their might; Just when they think they got us beat Their little game we'll spoil, It's no surprise that we despise A man like Dilly Boyle. —J. C. WOOLNER.

Do Union Men Remember That

The union cannot do its work properly unless dues are paid.

The "knocker" is the first man to take advantage of the labors of his fellow-worker, although the "knocker" has made the burden harder by his petty ways. Do not be a "knocker," he is next door to a non-union man.

The man who listens to impure stories and gloats over obscene pictures is lowering his manhood.

His sister and mother are women and that which has a tendency to lower other women is a reflection on his dearest female relatives.

The union man who carries out his obligations in every respect is a "king" in his own right and head and shoulders above the aristocracy that thrives on the labors of the poor.

Unclean stories should not be told in the presence of gentlemen. And gentlemen are found in all walks of life.

The friends you have are an index of yourself. Therefore, if you go amongst those who do not live up to their "obligation" then you are helping to pull down the structure built with the blood and money of countless union men and women.

He will never be the one to cause a woman to fall or by tempting her with a view of finding out whether she is virtuous and if she is by saying you will leave her alone. If she is pure you have sullied her mind with impure suggestions which can never be effaced. And if on the other hand he found that she had been unfortunate it was his duty to try and raise her to a higher level. The man who will act otherwise is not a union man at heart; but one who is entitled to admission to the infernal regions.

There is no double standard of morals. The lowest crawling reptile of a man thinks he is entitled to marry a woman whose character is as pure as snow. This stamp of person makes his own standards and thinks he is entitled to the respect of the pure girl. He is not a fit associate for the lowest animal. Raising the character is just as important as raising the "wage." As

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soon as the union man understands this and puts it into practice the sooner he will obtain his rights from the rich corporation and employer who are now getting rich owing to the union man getting asleep and disobeying his obligation. E. A. F.

Trades Union Labels

General Demand for Them Would Solve Labor Problem.

Let's all get together and ask for goods bearing the label, says Typographical Journal. Now, Mr. Union Man, don't pass this article over. We know you are tired of reading label articles. We know that pretty nearly everything that can be said on the label question has been said. The editor of the Journal wants to make this article a personal one. He wants to appeal to you who are now reading this.

Let's get together and ask for the label. Strikes and lockouts may be abolished. Many industries can be unionized, the union shop obtained in many trades. Capital can be compelled to meet labor on the common ground of the industrial agreement. Citizens' alliances, industrial associations, etc., can be eliminated. The "labor question" can be settled for all time.

How? By asking for the label. The above may sound improbable to the average man, but think it over. Suppose the nearly 3,000,000 organized workmen of this country and the legion of workers not organized, but who sympathize with organized labor's aims and aspirations, should resolve to purchase nothing but union made goods. Don't you know that the demand created for fair products would soon result in the unionizing of industries all over the country?

Let's make it a personal question. Don't you know that if every union man in a city asked for the label on everything he purchased the merchants would soon begin to sit up and take notice? Don't you know that if this was kept up these merchants would begin to order union made goods? Of course they would. They cannot be blamed for not carrying them when there is little demand. Create the demand and it will be supplied. Once more we say:

Let's all get together and ask for the label.

A Good Scheme

Another new idea comes from Chicago. The International Union of Employees has been formed. It is intended to promote the purchasing power of wage-earners and thus improve the welfare of its members. The plan of the organization is most comprehensive and includes within its scope the following objects:

To unite all men and women and skilled and unskilled toilers under one head, one agreement, one system and one understanding; to establish co-operative stores where union label goods can be purchased by members of the union; to force employers to grant the demands of the union by withdrawing the patronage of wage earners from them in the event they are "unfair"; to establish hospitals and homes for the aged and for all members in good limitation on apprenticeship, and to make eight hours the universal work-day; to care for the children of disabled members and protect women whose husbands have died or deserted them or are drunkards; for the benefit of members by appointing committees at each meeting to investigate and report on various subjects of interest; to employ a staff of attorneys to prosecute personal injury cases and to give legal advice; to establish co-operative banks.

Our Magnificent Incomes

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ployees is \$8.77 a week. In Illinois, among 80,861, the weekly average wage was found to be \$9.70. In Missouri the average for 10,000 is \$8.70 per week. The employees of the woolen mills of New Jersey get \$6.43 a week. The factory hands of Pennsylvania get \$9.28. The anthracite coal miners get \$9.53 a week, and the helpers in the mines average \$5.89. Truly a magnificent income out of which to pay house rent, grocery bills, doctor's fees and clothe and educate a family.—Avalanated Journal.

THE Non-Union Workman

His Position in the Industrial Field.

The individuals who talk about the narrow-mindedness of the trade union are generally people who never stop to think or weigh circumstances. The non-unionist, in fact, is one of the greatest menaces that retards the movement to gain better conditions for labor. He stands aloof and refuses to contribute one cent for the advantages which he enjoys as a direct result of the labors and sacrifices of union men. He makes no effort to better his own lot or improve the condition of himself or children. He goes on the principle of taking all he can get without paying anything in return, while union men are devoting time to meet night after night to discuss economic questions and lay plans to raise their social status and advance the general welfare he is probably talking of a pugilistic encounter or a one-eyed dog fight. While the union is contributing by the payment of dues to raise funds to carry on the agitation, he generally blows it in for booze over the bar instead. He does nothing to help himself and he does nothing to help others, and in times of trouble he is the tool the unscrupulous employer depends upon to defeat the legitimate aims of those who believe the workers have a right to live and are more than machines. This same non-unionist is the fellow who believes in the principle of going on the cheap, getting something for nothing, he never refuses to accept that which he does not have to pay for. When the union has won a shorter workday or secured a raise in wages, he expects to reap the same advantage as the union men whose efforts and self-sacrifice have obtained them. He never bothers his head about the enactment of legislation to protect the worker from dangerous or defective machinery, he has no protest to urge against little children toiling in the factories, he does not bother his head about improving the sanitary conditions of the workshops. In fact the non-union man is a barnacle, he lets other people fight his battles, and like a sponge, he soaks up everything that comes within reach. His motto is, take all you can get and look for more, but don't give anything in return. He does absolutely nothing to help make the world better; that he leaves to other people. Every reduction in the hours of labor, every increase in the rate of wages, every enactment to protect childhood and womanhood from drudging in the factory, every law to enforce proper sanitation in the workshops and to safeguard life and limb from defective machinery are the direct results of the self-sacrifices and efforts of union men. Instead of talking about the narrowness of trade unionists, the apologists of non-union workmen should recognize facts as they actually exist. These remarks do not apply to the man who has no chance to join a labor organization, but to the non-unionist who is a non-unionist from choice, the man who fills the place in the industrial world that the jackall does in the animal kingdom, sneaking after the lion and living on the leavings gained by his powers, or the hyena who skulks along at night robbing graves and feasting on the dead. When you view the non-union man as he really is you don't have to speculate as to why union men dislike to work with him.

Bakers' strike still on.

Standard Oil John

Ten million laborers sweat and toil, Increasing my wealth and fame, With wages small. But I tell them all Our interest is all the same.

Their labor leaders repeat my words, And politics held at bay, Which pleases me, as I like to see Them vote in the good old way.

For some stand pat for the Democrat, And some for the G. O. P. But both will use the riot gun Whenever it pleases me.

They split their forces in the great sham fight, For none understand the game; To which ever wins of my faithful twins, I "boodle" just the same.

They cast their vote for a twelve-hour boss And strike for an eight-hour day; Which cheers me so that I overflow With mirth and reduce their pay.

They strike like men, but they vote like seals.

And land in the big bullpen; Hence I laugh "Ha! ha!" but my in terests are The same as the workingmen. —Baltimore Sun.

How Will He Produce It?

Rockefeller Predicts Hard Times

Says America's Greatest Industrial Crisis Is Due 1907-08.

Chicago, Sept. 10.—Col. W. H. Moore, president of the National Good Roads Association, who, in June, was quoted as saying that John D. Rockefeller had told him that America's greatest panic was coming in 1907 and 1908, to-day again quotes Mr. Rockefeller as predicting a "hard times crisis" for those years. Mr. Rockefeller said, he adds, "that where there were 3,000,000 of men out of work in 1893, there will be from 7,000,000 to 10,000,000 in idleness when the next siege of hard times is upon us." "The statement was made to me in conversation with the oil king some time ago," said Col. Moore, "and he declared that the Government should not wait till the hour of peril arises, but should legislate to provide work for the idle and be prepared to care for them when the crisis arrives." "Mr. Rockefeller bases his statement on the fact that overproduction in all lines will bring the crisis. We were talking 'good roads' at the time, and it was his idea that proper legislation should be enacted so that idle men could be put to work building roads when the time comes."

A Story With a Moral

A saloonkeeper says: "Do you want to know how I happened to go into the saloon business? Well, I'll tell you. One day a man came in and he wanted to look at some cheap socks. I showed him some that were ten cents a pair. He asked me if I didn't have something cheaper. I got down some that were five cents a pair. He looked at them for some time and finally insisted that they were too expensive and walked out. I happened to step to the door and see him go into a saloon, and I followed him out of curiosity. There were several persons in the saloon, and the man called them up and treated. He spent 80 cents for booze. I concluded when a man kicked on buying socks at five cents a pair and immediately spent 80 cents for booze that the saloon business was the business I wanted to engage in, so I got into it as soon as possible."—Ex.

He must have been one of those so-called union men that objects to paying five cents a month for subscription to the Tribune.

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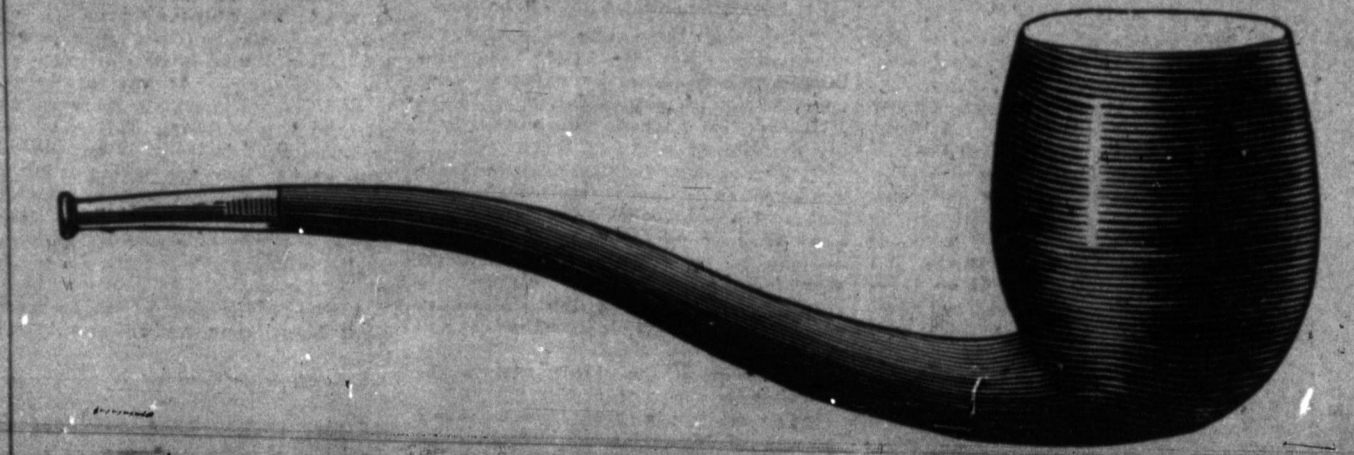
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