

LABOR AND WAGES.

There are 15,000 union coal miners in Ohio.

Organized labor numbers 40,000 members in Detroit.

A central labor union is to be organized at Flint, Mich.

The building trades of Cincinnati purpose the erection of a temple.

The brewers' union of Toledo are feeling very gay. They won their strike.

A new scale of wages has gone into effect among the paper hangers of Cincinnati.

This is a step in advance—every member of the city council of Xenia, O., is a trades unionist.

Chicago bakers are beginning to strike for use of the label, leaving two or three shops at a time.

The next annual convention of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers will be held in St. Paul.

The cigarmakers of Lima, O., are on a strike to enforce their scale of prices recently adopted.

Twenty new charters were granted by the American Federation of labor during the month of May.

The eight hour work day sentiment is gaining ground in Chicago. Thirteen trades now enjoy the eight hour boon.

The sheet iron and cornice workers of Chicago are gradually capturing the shops, the largest of which have signed the scale.

The Duluth unions have an eye to business. They have buckled on the armor and propose to elect the people's party candidates at the next election.

Master Workman Powderly declines nomination for any office at Omaha, and says if anybody presents his name he will strike that party's name from his list of friends.

A strike is imminent in the big copper mines at Calumet and Hecla, Mich. The companies refuse to employ union men exclusively. As confederated labor is strong there, a contest would be fought to a finish.

A new style of headgear for women has just come out styled jam-pot crown. If we can judge from side notes to the Minneapolis convention accounts, it is a pattern piece to jag-jammed hats for men just out there.

The strike of engineers, firemen and roustabouts on the Anchor steamboat line at St. Louis has led to violence and fifty police are kept constantly on hand to preserve order. The strike was caused by a lockout of all men belonging to the American Federation of Labor.

Five hundred planing mills employees have struck at St. Louis for a nine-hour day with ten hours' pay.

The new Paris Labor Exchange has been completed and put in possession of the trades unions, of which there are 230 in the city. The edifice cost \$1,600,000, and contains 150 rooms, with a spacious grand hall, a library and a basement shelter for the unemployed which will accommodate 1,000 men.

The French socialists are gaining strength so rapidly that in many districts their candidates for office, with all parties combined against them, were elected. Such news matter is suppressed (policy of silence as with us) and it is only through their American brethren that it can be learned. The idea is to keep workmen of one country ignorant of what is being done in others.

Serious labor disorders have occurred at Ferrez, Spain, among the men who, until recently, were employed in the naval dockyard there. The prefect of Coruna has arrived at Ferrez with a detachment of gendarmes to restore order.

Australia considers her poor worthy of protection, and is issuing blankets and providing shelter for the unemployed.

The Knights of Labor are enjoying a boom of no mean proportions. Over 8,000 new members were added to the order during the past three months—an unprecedented gain for that length of time.

The Lancaster, Pa., Labor Leader reviews the field in these words: "The toilers of this country are astonished at the magnitude of the fortunes accumulated by such men as the Vanderbilts, the Goulds, the Rockefellers, the Sages, the Carnegies, and hundreds of others. The amount is so vast that the ordinary mind fails to grasp its immensity. None of this wealth has been accumulated by hard, honest toil, but by ways that are dark and tricks that are vain, through the instrumentality of the law making power."

The Ocala, Fla., Banner is of the opinion that "next to the single tax the progressive tax would be about the best system of taxation that could be devised." There can be no doubt about the correctness of that opinion, provided one starts with the deter-

mination to be a slave, i.e., to be taxed. All taxation is an attribute of Caesar. It is predicated upon the idea of a division of society into a ruling (taxing) and a ruled (taxed) class. Of all modes of inflicting the rod the single tax is the neatest, like the guillotine it is the most expeditious mode of judicial murder. But to those who start with the determination to be free, all taxation, direct or indirect, progressive or retrogressive, single or complex, is repulsive. The Co-operative Commonwealth knows of no taxation. The platform of the party that is to emancipate the plank will not, as it does not, contain any plank that makes taxation ideal.—The People.

LOOK AT BOTH SIDES.

It will not be disputed that strikes are often unwisely and badly managed, that dishonest men otherwise conspicuously unfit for leadership sometimes get at the head of labor organizations. But is this not true of every other form of industrial and social organization? Are capitalist organizations free from these charges? Do they not frequently act rashly, often involving disaster to innocent investors. Have they not Warners and Wards? Cannot the same impeachment be urged with quite as much truth against political organizations and social clubs?

Would anyone venture to say that because there are dishonest railroad presidents and corporation treasurers, the combination of capital should be prohibited? Why should workingmen be expected to be more honest and wise than any other class in the community? Why should perfection be demanded of them, when liability to err is conceded to everybody else? Since other social institutions are to be judged by their virtues, why should labor organizations be judged by their mistakes?

Considering their limited opportunities and the extent of the forces arrayed against them, the wonder is not that laborers have made so many mistakes, but rather that they have succeeded at all. These mistakes are not a necessary part of labor organizations any more than dishonest ministers are a necessary part of Christianity. On the contrary, they arise from ignorance and mistaken notions among the laborers, which trade unions are the most efficient means of correcting.

Hence we find to-day that in those industries where trade unions are best organized and exercise the greatest influence, strikes are fewest, wages are highest, hours of labor shortest, and the relations between workers and employers most confidential and harmonious.

Trade unions, therefore, are not only legitimate economic and social institutions, but they are an integral part of the industrial organization of modern society. They are the economic counterpart of that combination of capital whose existence and development are equally necessary to harmonious social advancement.

It is simply folly, therefore, to regard trade unions as necessarily a menace to industry and social welfare; they are constitutionally important educational institutions, and can never be a power for other than good through the discipline they must confer. Since labor organizations are the most effectual and nearly the only means of furnishing opportunities for economic education to wage workers, it is alike the interest and duty of both the employing class and the community to encourage their development and increase their usefulness, instead of trying to degrade or suppress them.—Prof. Geo. Gunton, in the Social Economist.

The Australian Lung Fish.

At a recent meeting of the Australian Association for the Advancement of Science an interesting paper was read on the lung fish which inhabits the rivers of Queensland. In this curious animal the swimming bladder has been so modified as to serve for a lung and enable it to breathe the air at will. The fish does not appear to forsake the water, but it rises to the surface, and breathes the air with a kind of spouting noise. The lung is very useful to it during the wet season, when the rivers are flooded and the water charged with mud and sand. The ceratodus, as it is called, lives principally on the seeds of gum trees which fall into the water.

Clarkson, Galvin, Baldwin, Crane, Foutz and Mullane, all old time pitchers, are doing excellent work.

The national meet of the L. A. W., to be held at Washington in July, will be attended by many noted cyclists.

The welter-weights, Danny Needham, of Oakland, and George Dawson, of Australia, have signed with the California club, of San Francisco, for a fight to a finish for a purse of \$2,000 and \$1,000 aside. Goddard is looking in fine form for his battle with big Joe McAuliffe, of San Francisco, and the Australian is favorite in the betting here at odds of 25 to 20.

THE SPORTING WORLD

With fine weather prevailing on Saturday out-door sports were numerous and included lacrosse (senior and junior championships), cricket, football, baseball, quoiting, cycling, etc. Every form of out-door games was in full swing and the large number of spectators looking on at each testified to the extraordinary interest taken by the citizens of Montreal in athletic sports. First in point of interest was the senior league match between the Capitals and Shamrocks which attracted an immense crowd, drawn by curiosity to witness what has been heralded as the strongest lacrosse combination in Canada. Their easy victory over Montreal led many to believe them to be invincible, but there were also knowing ones who predicted that, away from their own grounds, they could be pretty well held down if not defeated. This latter class gave evidence of the faith within them by backing the Shamrocks (of course at fair odds) whenever they had the opportunity, and their faith was fully justified by Saturday's game. The Shamrocks have now in the field the strongest team they have had for years, and it is confidently believed their long spell of ill luck is broken at last.

Junior League, matches took place between the White Stars and Emmets, Beavers and Shamrock Juniors and Montreal Juniors and Gordons. The Driving Park at Point St. Charles was alive with contestants in lacrosse and football and the small admission fee drew quite a large number of spectators.

LACROSSE.

Capitals vs. Shamrocks—The latter won 4 to 1. The play was pretty rough at times four men having been sent to the fence. Murray of the Shamrocks committed a most cowardly and unprovoked assault upon Ketchum, for which he should have been ruled off the field.

Beavers and Shamrock Juniors—Won by the former three straight.

Montreal Juniors vs. Gordons—Won by the former three to one.

White Stars vs. Emmets—Won by the latter three to two. The White Stars, although defeated, had the best of the play all through the match. They took the first two games in short order and everybody imagined it was going to be three straight but over-confidence told the usual tale. Their defence got careless and latterly when play was going against them became completely rattled. Good individual play was shown on both sides, but Graham of the Stars was head and shoulders over all as a stick handler and player, which will make him, if he keeps up to his present standard, fit for a place on a senior team in a year or two.

CRICKET.

McGill defeated the M. A. A. Club by a score 63 to 69. The feature of the match was the bowling of Harrod for the Collegians.

A second team of McGill also beat the Grand Trunk by a score of 58 to 52.

Beaver Cutlery Works vs. Wollen Mills—The former club won by a score of 78 to 53.

THE WHEEL.

At the London County grounds, Herne Hill, London, on Saturday, Arthur Zimmerman, the American bicyclist, won the open mile race in 2:24 1-5.

The Toronto handicap bicycle road race was run on Saturday and was highly successful. It was over a twenty mile course, starting at the top of Norway hill, eight miles east, returning to the Woodbine, where the cyclists wheeled four miles in the wind-up. Of 61 entries 45 started, including nearly all of the fastest men in Canada. The Toronto Bicycle Club had no starters. They finished in this order: Jaffray, W. B. C.; McQuillan, W. B. C.; Ball, W. B. C.; Deeks, W. B. C.; Robertson, W. B. C.; Palmer, Hamilton Bicycle Club. Jaffray won the race and medal, and Palmer the fast time medal.

The road race of the Wanderers Bicycle Club was run to Lachine on Saturday afternoon, and considering the very high head wind the time made was very good. There were eight starters for the race. The following was the order of the finish: 1, F. Warren, time, 34 min.; 2, G. Mann, time, 35 min.; 3, E. Niven, time, 35 min. 45 sec.

FOOTBALL.

The football match (association), on Saturday, between the C. P. R. and Thistles, was played on the Gordon grounds. The result was a win for the Thistles by five goals to one.

ATHLETICS.

An adjourned meeting of the Shamrock Amateur Athletic Association was held last night in the Young Irishmen's hall, Dapre lane. The principal business was the consideration of a constitution. The constitution adopted, will be held in abeyance until the next annual meeting of the association. In the meantime a provisional board of

directors will look after the association's interests. This board will comprise the president of the Shamrock Lacrosse Club and five members appointed by the club, while the association has named the five following gentlemen to act in conjunction with them: Messrs. E. Halley, T. P. Crowe, S. Lloye, H. Barclay and A. Demers.

The forty-eighth games of the New York Athletic club were held Saturday at Travers island, and were a great success socially and from an athletic standpoint. Fully 5,000 people saw the contests. Swayne had no difficulty in winning the 220 yards dash, finishing strong in 22 3-5 seconds. Jewett won the 100-yard dash in impressive style. J. S. Mitchell, of the N. Y. A. C., threw the 56-pound weight a distance of 35 feet 6 inches, the best previous throw being 34 feet 11 inches, made by himself. The other record made in regular competition was credited to A. P. Schwaner, of the New York A. C., in the standing high jump. The record for this event was 5 feet 1 1/2 inches. Schwaner did 5 feet 3 1/2 inches. George R. Gray, N. Y. A. C., scored the two individual records. He sent the 14 pound shot 51 feet 5 1/2 inches and the 12 pound shot 55 feet two inches. The best previous records were 47 feet 7 1/2 inches and 53 feet 11 inches respectively.

AQUATIC.

Oxford is desirous of making a match with the winners of the Harvard-Yale eight-oared race, which is to be rowed next month on the river Thames, at New London, Conn. Hanlan and O'Connor has gone to Erie, Penn., to prepare for the regatta next week. They went in capital form and are quite confident of winning in the double scull contest with Teemer and Hosmer.

QUOITS.

The Dominion and Caledonian clubs played a friendly match on the grounds of the latter, corner St. Etienne and Britannia streets, on Saturday last. There were eight men a side and the totals showed a majority for the Dominions of 20 points. The playing in some instances was very close rendering the office of referee, who was Mr. Geo. Tate, of the Montreal club, no sinecure, and showed that the members of both clubs have greatly improved on their previous play. The Dominions and their friends were handsomely entertained by the Caledonians and the utmost good feeling prevailed. The Dominions held an informal meeting the other night and fixed the date of their friendly encounter with the Montreals (champions) for the 9th of July, the return match with the Caledonians to take place on the 16th of the same month.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Guthrie and Welsh, accompanied by their backer, have covered the deposit made by Black Frank. Either of them are willing to fight for the middle weight championship of Canada at 154 lbs., give or take two lbs. They will fight with skin gloves within one month of signing articles, and will meet Frank to arrange matters at any time and place he may suggest.

Jack McAuliffe is training at Bangor, Me., for his fight with Billy Frazier on the 22nd

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