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### OUR SOUVENIR NUMBER.

In company with our fellow-citizens, we, the publishers of the printers' souvenir of the first Carnival-Regatta held in Vancouver, greet you and trust the event will be crowded with merry-making. Were it possible, we would like to give each visitor to the Terminal City a warm grasp, with the assurance of a hearty welcome. This infant of the coast, scarcely out of its swaddling clothes, now takes a place among the greatest emporiums of trade and commerce in the Dominion and is destined to form a large part in the future history of Canada. We trust that this will only prove the beginning of similar pleasant occasions, and that we will see your smiling countenances on each renewal of the festivities. Realising that we are but mortals, and considering the hurried manner in which this paper was arranged, we rely upon the kindly feeling of the public to overlook any errors or omissions which the pages may contain. Our jokes may be dense, for we are only amateur humorists, but if any explanations are needed, a call at the office, any time during business hours, will prove satisfactory. Our plea for indulgence we know will meet with cordial assent and we shall be gratified if our faults be disregarded and our good intentions kindly remembered. This is a souvenir merely of Typographical Union, No. 226, to honor a great undertaking in which it is our desire to co-operate in any way in our power and to the best of our ability. To all, whether citizens or strangers, we present the glad hand, and wish them the fullest enjoyment during the entire week.

### THE UNION LABEL.

The union label is as mandatory in its character as that of any other provision of the laws of the Typographical Union, which provides how it shall be issued, and what it represents. Its presence on printed matter implies that the work by the firm using it is fair labor. Its absence from work where union methods prevail indicates that the work, if not all, at least a

portion of it, of that establishment is done outside of, and contrary to, union principles. Its presence is evidence of honesty and good faith; its absence is unequivocal manifestation that "there is something rotten in the state of Denmark." Labor has the same right to protect itself by its trade mark as any other form of capital might claim for itself. Therefore, we ask that those who have printing done insist that the stamp in question be used on their work. It costs no more and helps to protect the journeyman printer.

### POLITICAL POINTERS.

There are more politics in honesty than honesty in politics.

There are a good many more politicians for sale than bought.

A candidate's love for his fellow-citizens begins to sluff off after he is elected.

Women have more influence in politics than the men are willing to acknowledge.

Even a Victoria member has a sneaking notion to favor legislation that favors him.

Nothing short of Gabriel's trumpet can get some people out of office. And then they generally become deaf.

It does no harm to watch the public doings of a statesman whose private doings will not bear watching.

I would not give a peanut for all some statesmen know about the right kind of law-making and how to do it.

Audacity and a vast confidence in the ignorance of the people have been the capital of the other party for many years.

### LABOR LACONICS.

You will not likely get everything you may want without asking. Advertisement.

If labor does not know what it is worth, who does? If it has not the right to fix its price, who has?

Trades unionism is working out conditions for a higher civilisation.

The union label is blooming like the flowers in May.

Open meetings of workmen would do royal service in the line of education.

Long hours, low wages, and poor pay are responsible for more vice than all other causes put together.

Are you giving attention to the discussion of the shorter work-day?

Trade unionism stands guard faithfully between all kinds of social extremes.

### NEARLY DROWNED.

A Victoria girl, who went bathing at English Bay on Saturday, was carried out beyond her depth, and was nearly drowned. This is particularly interesting, when we consider the tremendous draught of the average girl from the Capital City.

### A BIG CROWD ASSURED.

Premier Turner.—Do you think Vancouver can make the Carnival-Regatta a success?

Ex-Mayor Cope.—Um—Well, if it ain't a success, it'll be such a razzle-dazzling failure that everybody'll want to see it, anyhow.

### PRINTER'S BOOK OF DECORUM.

No properly brought up "print" will carry tobacco in his pocket—not while he can beg what he wants from some one else.

No gentleman will be guilty of spitting on the floor near his machine; he will wait till he has occasion to go near his neighbor's.

The application of the right pedal extremity to the coat tail vicinity of the saucy "devil" is fast losing its popularity among the apprentices.

The best society does not now require that a swallow-tail be worn while at work. The custom of wearing cock-tails, however, will probably remain popular as ever.

All authorities agree as to the gross impropriety of putting a knife into the mouth, a rule every lad will do well to remember while he has an ink knife full of ink in his hand.

It is not now considered just proper to keep both hands in the pockets while manipulating the key-board; none of the rapid operators do this very much while working against time.

To obtain the entree of the best society it is not absolutely necessary that a man be familiar with the "rushing of the growler," though many men know that part of the business best.

Boys should remember that it is highly improper to get their fingers between the bed and platen of a press as the impression is being taken. They will seldom do it without having cause for regret.

It is not now considered an fait for operators to pelt the key-board as if to drive carpet tacks, or sit doubled up like a dog licking a pot on a cold day, though some printers still persist in coming as near it as possible.

The wearing of large patches is still in vogue among those who look upon the beer when it bubbleth, when it foameth itself aright. The bleary eye, unsteady hand, and a general, highly inartistic negligence of apparel, are also much affected by this class.

Dinner etiquette remains unchanged. It is still the custom to take down the lunch basket and get outside of all the cockroaches and rats have left, without unnecessary delay. It is no longer the proper thing, however, to stand in front of the office and pick the teeth with an old lye brush.

The custom of carrying the stool home to dinner, for fear of some one else getting it, is becoming obsolete. It is now more popular to take it away from the audacious appropriator, if he is small; and if he's big—why, ahem! that's quite another matter, and requires that a man pare down his desire to fit the circumstances.

No gentleman will get excited. If a big form suddenly slides upon the floor, and proceeds to scatter itself promiscuously about, it is perfectly proper to grab up large handfuls of type and sling them all over the premises; perfectly allowable to swear till hoarse and the atmosphere becomes tinged with blue, and dance a wildly exasperated Highland fling or hornpipe, all over the prostrate remains of the diabolical form; but keep cool as a cucumber—one degree less than that of the prevailing temperature. Don't get excited. It isn't good taste—"vaw had fawn, don'cherknow."