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TREDUCTION OF LICENSES

There is a great deal said just now bout reducing the number of liquor li censes in this city, and increasing the fee payable by the holder. Along with this is the usual talk about referring the question to the people. What is the use of referring the question to the people of the controller was taken Mr. Centroller After the vote was taken Mr. Controller Spence might find some very good reason for not obeying the will of the voters if it did not happen to suit his particu-lar notions; just as he did when he led the movement in the City Council to disobey the will of the people in regard to the \$700 exemption.

In our opinion, the most important thing to be done in connection with liquor license question is to estab-the power of the people on a firm is, so that what they say goes. Then we will be no more of this continual fooling with the question. The way to establish the power of the people in To-ronto is to knock out the men who have

eyed the popular vote.

e temperance cause will make more al progress when earnest temperance en recognize that the initiative and refidum is the most powerful instrument and weapon their cause could have. It would be good sense and good politics for the temperance associations to unite with Organized Labor in an irresistible for a real initiative and refer-

READ THIS AGAIN

On Monday, March 13, 1905, at a setting of the Toronto City Council Aldin Committee of the Whole, oved that the Council obey the power from the Legislature to exempt dwelling houses from taxation to the extent of seven hundred dollars of the assessed value; said exemption to include all buildings used as dwellings, but not to apply to the land, and not in any way to affect the right to vote on said prop-Ald. Noble's motion was negatived on

the following division

(For the people.) Controller Ward. Ward 1—Ald. Stewart. Ward 2—Ald. Noble. Ward 4—Ald. Yaughan. Ward 5—Ald. Hay. Ward 6—Ald. Graham and Lynd.

(Against the people.) Mayor Urquhart. Controllers Hubbard and Spence. Ward 1—Ald. Fleming. Ward 2—Ald. Church and Coatsworth

NAYS.

Ward 3-Ald, Geary, McBride and eppard. Ward 5-Ald. Keeler.

Ward 6-Ald. McGhie. Ald. Dunn was in the chair, and so did not vote. Controller Shaw was absent. Ald. Chisholm, Harrison and Jones were not in the Council Chamber. Most of those in the above list had given written pledges to organized labor that they would obey any vote of the people. Seven of these broke their people. people. Seven of these broke them pledges, namely, Messrs. Urquhart, Hub-bard, Fleming, Coatsworth, Geary, Sheppard and McGhie.

Shall they do this with impunity?

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The following extract from a city paper is significant:

"The building of houses goes on apace, and the City Architect's office is almost as busy now as it was in midsummer with the inspection of plans for new work. Few of the plans are for buildings of a less value than \$2,500, and the larger number are for \$3,000 and \$4,000 buildings. During the past week there have been permits issued for afty-two dwellings."

lustration of the need for the \$700 ex-emption on buildings, will bring into play a tendency for the building of workingmen's dwellings on part of that seven million dollars' worth of vacant land whose owners are waiting for the people to make their land still more valuable.

Henry George said "Don't buy the landlords out; don't kiek them out; but TAX them out!"

The city engineer has a spotter posted on Younge street bridge watching for evidence to prosecute the Toronto street railway for breach of the smoke by-law from the fires in the cars. But, so far, R. J. has been too fexy and has failed to light up.

On the unanimous vote of 200 garment workers of Montreal, it was decided to return the charter of the National Trades and Labor Congress to accept one of the United Garment Workers of America.

The union of the government employees of the arsenals and dockyards at Toulon, Brest and other naval headquarters has ordered a general strike. Military forces are being concentrated to preserve order at the ports. The strikers claim that liberty of speech is denied them by the dismissal of workmen who criticize the naval administration. The federation of government employees has issued an ap-peal to the employees of the post and telegraph department, the mine, military arsenals and tobacco and match and other state industries to give their moral sup-port to the naval strike.

The basement floor of the Labo Temple, used as a bowling alley and billiard parlor, is being thoroughly renovated. Electric lights are taking the place of gas, several handsome new pool tables are taking the place of old worn ones, and when completed it would compare with anything of its kind in the city and reflects great credit on the management, who have spared neither time or money. They evidently realize that the workingman needs recreation and enjoyment, especially during the long winter evenings. And where can they en-joy it better but in their own home on Church street. ?

Just as long as organized labor pan-ders to a bunch of plausible talkers who are seeking their election to our City Council, who will promise anything that organized labor presents, and as soon as elected will throw all promises to the winds as so much trash, as has been done in the past, just so long will the laboring man be in the same position as he is to-day. Let us pick our own men he is to-day. Let us pick our own men and elect them, as we can do if we act

The mistress of the house can be great power in averting strikes by sim-ply demanding the label on every article she purchases or permits her chil-dren to purchase. They must be made acquainted with the label of every craft that carry one in order to know it.

We beg of union men of our city to send us all items of news that may come before them affecting the movement or in any way connected with it, when members live the city, the members who are sick, anything you would like to know if you didn't. We want all facts. It doesn't matter about writing, spelling or paper, drop a slip in our Box in the Temple or at our office.

President McCall of the New York Life testified to having spent \$800,000 supervising legislation in the States and Canada. Surely there must be some mistake, where could the necessity of nding anything to supervise Canadian slation? Mr. McCall should be asked to modify the Canadian part of

What is being done in your union re-garding advertising your label so that others may know really what it is? The member who stays away from his meeting has no license to register a kick, Do not advocate the cause of organized labor, wearing or using anything that does not bear the label.

When a merchant advertises in a Labor paper and is carrying proper goods it is up to organized labor to patronize him as he deserves it.

Many merchants who carry union made products are not wise enough to tell organized labor about it through a channel that is sure to reach them, and then rail at the inconsistency of la-

The Bakers' strike is still on. other grand rally to their aid by your purchasing powers will pull them through. Now men, altogether for a

One of the greatest factors in organized labor is their labor papers. Wher nized labor is their labor papers. Wher-ever you see a good labor paper there you will find unionism strong and stanneh to its purpose. Bally round the Tribune to make it one of the best.

We could not send out one half of the list of NEW subscribers last week, not having time to print the tremend-ous list sent in.

These new houses are evidently not in-ded for workingmen. Here is an il-keep away from Newark, N.J. Strike on.

A proposition is before us as to the advisability of opening a co-operative store, it is expected a meeting of those interested will be called at an early

Labor elects representatives, but up to the present time has had no representa-tion in our City Council, and it is time organized labor took a firm stand in this matter, leaving all side issues severely alone and voting for the common interests of the working man as represented by organized labor. We have the brains, ability and the power, but so far have been afraid of this power.

Labor has created all the wealth of to-day, but by some diabolical process labor is poor, while a few men who have done nothing has coralled the lot. It is high time we looked for a remedy.

The municipal elections will be held this year on New Year's Day, Jan. 1. Nominations will be held on Friday, Dec. 22nd—for Mayor, controllers and Board of Education at the City Hall at 10 a.m., and for aldermen at 7.30 p.m. in the various wards,

It is about time the city saw the Dominion Government about the Yonge street bridge legislation for next session before it is too late. When is the city going to see the Government about conveniences for street railway employes and civic legislation?

The City Hall officials all have big appetites. Never go to the City Hall between 11.50 a.m. and 3 p.m., as the officials are always at lunch. Hardly a corporal's guard of them can be got in the office between 12 noon and 1 p.m. It is easy seeing the Street Railway Company are on top in this town. The Mavor was to abolish strap-holding, but t is still the popular vogue on Mackenzie's cars.

The delays in the civic investigation are inexcusable. The lawyers are simply "dilly-dallying." It is unfair to all concerned in the delays, and in future appointments the City Council should give the work to lawyers who can attend give the work to lawyers who can attend

Regarding the coming elections, The Tribune will be the voice of the Council, and endeavor to carry the election of the candidates that the Council may select. We want no mistakes as regarding this vital point.

If R. J. will just tip us off the brand of coal he is using to heat the street cars with, we will be able to give the coal barons the merry ha! ha!

The City Council on Monday adopted the following resolution, moved by Ald. Church. The committee will get to work

right away:

1. "That a special committee, consisting of His Worship the Mayor, Controllers Spence and Shaw, and Aldermen Church, Jones, Vaughan and Graham, be appointed to consider the report of the Assessment Commissioner on the working of the Assessment Act, in pursua of Report No. 13 of the Committee Legislation and Reception, as adopted by this Council.

2. "That a special committee, consisting of His Worship the Mayor, Controller Shaw, and Aldermen Noble, Hay, Harrison, Church and Coatsworth, be appointed to urge upon the Ontario Government ernment the necessity of introducing such legislation at the next session of the Legislature as will compel the Tothe Legislature as will compel the To-ronto Railway Company to provide pro-per conveniences for the use of the em-ployes of the company, in pursuance of Report No. 13 of the Committee on Leg-islation and Reception, as adopted by this Council."

Ald. Church will make an endeavor to have the Civic Legislative Committee ask for the following wise measures to compel the street railway to carry out their contract. These should all be adopted

1. To interpret the heating of cars clause of the street railway agreement by declaring that the company must heat their cars properly and in the manner laid down and defined and ordered by the City Engineer and imposing a penalty of \$25 per day per car for bread of said Engineer's orders.

2. For a declaration under the agree

ment that the company must stop their cars at such places as the City Engineer orders and imposing a \$25 penalty

3. To interpret and make plan that the company must extend their tracks when ordered to do so by the City Engi-neer under the agreement, backed up by a two-thirds vote of the City Council, with a penalty of \$200 per day for each breach after thirty days' notice to ex-

4. To compel the company to erect proper conveniences for their men at places named by the City Engineer with a penalty of \$100 per day for breach after sixty days' notice to erect.

In this time of strikes, it behooves every true union man to think care-fully, and set forth, to himself and then to all his friends, the reasons for our stand against the "open shop."

On several occasions we spoke of the need of a stronger press for the trade union movement. We also took the liberty to suggest as a step in the right direction that an organization be formed among the trule union editors.



CORRESPONDENCE. Address all communications to Wo-men's Department, office of Tribune, 106, 108 Adelaide street.

Write only on one side of paper. Toronto, Monday, Nov. 13, 1905. Editor of Women's Column.

Dear Macham, In your last issue ap eared a critical letter from "An En uirer" in answer to my first letter. He says that I appear to agree with him. Certainly I agree with him. That is, of course, only that the working girl should have more opportunity than she has at present of coming together.

If, as he says, some girls make the vast sum of two dollars per week, then what he calls "the slight cost" of indulging in her (generally) meretricious amusements ceases to be insignificant, and assumes, by a simple process of arithmetic, the proportions of a serious item. You yourself, madam, say: "How many of the working classes would like to have heard Calve!" This is, to my thinking, apart altogether from the argument. I did not say that she should listen to great artists. I said she listen to great artists. I said she, or at least it was obvious that she should have better and more elevating amuse-ments. Does it cost any more to go to a Saturday or Monday night "popular" than it does to go to the theatre? My argument is simply this-If she had settlement houses, would she use them? And as they are such a crying need, and there is no other way of getting them, would it not be the far lesser evil of the two if the working girl subscribed towards such institutions, instead of indulging her vitiated tastes by

to listen to trashy melodrama and songs.

My friend, the Enquirer, tells me I have mistaken the causes that led up to past wars. I do not remember saying anything at all about "causes,"
What I wished to point out is the effect
of such events, and I wish my friend
would kindly inform me of the "causes"
that led up to that instrument promulgated on July 4th, 1776, generally termed the "American Declaration of Independence"; also the French Revolution of July, 1830, and the attendant effects of each. Again, to further my argument, the lower classes of Russia up to the late war were a downtrodden and crushed people, groping blindly in the dark. Now since peace has been declared Russia is in the red grasp of anarchy, and I believe such a state of affairs was not possible prior to the war. The people are waking up to the fact that they are human, and not beasts. According to the Enquirer, the working classes are far worse off after a war lent to saying that conditions were far superior five hundred years ago than they are now. To say the least, my friend's methods of reasoning seem to

bear the taint of sophistry.

Enquirer also speaks of the case I mentioned as a "modern miracle." A miracle is usually defined as being contrary to nature. Is it possible that he means it is not natural that a girl through her own energy and application should rise above the level? Marie Hall, an artist of the first order, was at one time an itinerant fiddler on the street. By sheer hard work (having very little natural talent) she rose to the foremost enough to fill a library, of good honest people, both male and female, who have reached position and affluence through nothing but a strong determination and

hard work.

I have burned midnight oil long enough to coincide with Lamartine, that God, Providence, call it whatever you like, though hidden in individual affairs of separate persons, appears distinctly in the ensemble, from which fact I draw the conclusion that great events continually happening bring correspondingly better conditions. Slowly enough, perhaps, but with Omar Khayyam we must take things as we find them and —wait.

Yours very truly,

In answer to Scherzo, my reference In answer to Scherzo, my reference to Calve in answer to your first letter is, in my opinion, not at all aside from the question. It pointed the argument, to my mind, at least; but as Scherzo's second letter is a direct answer to An Enquirer, I shall leave it to An Enquirer to reply, feeling certain that he or she is well able to do so.

Toronto, Nov. 13, 1905.

United States, and did not which had a space set apart in the in-terests of women. I believe that our lady friends should be given a chance to take an interest in the labor movement, as organized labor are taking up a number or questions most vital to the working class, and it is only fair that those who have to share with all suffer ing which a union man has to undergo for the sake of principle, should have some means of using some of the free-dom of this country. I hope that all the women who are interested in the labor movement will reap a good harvest from your columns." Thanking you for new ideas through your columns, I re-

Yours truly, Just Awake.

I thank Just Awake for her appre ciation of The Tribune, especially for the Women's Column. It is, and should be, a boon to women in the labor ranks, and one I sincerely hope they will awaif themselves of. Sufficient opportunity has not been given to our women in the past to air their views on the ques-tions that are vital to their interests. As you say women are joint sufferent with men in matters of principle and should certainly have a voice in the adjustment of the affairs that

them so nearly.

In opening the pages of The Tribune to women and setting apart a portion of its columns in their interest, the editor deserves great commendation, and we women cannot show our appreciation in a better way than in making use of the space alloted to us.

Toronto, Nov. 13, 1905.

Dear Madam,—I see in The Tribune of Nov. 11th, "An Engineer" in his answer to "Scherzo," has touched the root of all the trouble. There is no doubt in my mind that at the door of the church, as we know it, lies all the blame, for surely it has kept the hu-man race in slavery (mental slavery), especially the women for ages. An 1 right here is where the captains of in-dustry get in their work for the dustry get in their work, for the rank and file being superstitious and ignor and fall an easy prey to the de and avaricious exp bosses and shysters. How is it po there are so many women that

Has your fair correspondent ever read the Women's Bible, edited by such good women as the following: Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Ellen Battelle Dietrick, Francis Ellen Burr and others. If not I would advise her to do so.

I am in sympathy with all reform that tend to raise the masses, do away with poverty, salary grabbers and bass-wood politicians. I would like to see all the common peope' enjoying the bounty of this world to which they have every right, but are kept from getting it by the conditions under which they live, and which is the outcome of a rotten society.

Toronto, Nov. 15, 1905.

Dear Madame,—The article in last week's Tribune on the "Label," its necessity as a weapon in defence trade organization to be successful, Robert Hungerford, was to the po

and very timely.

"Bob." is a pastmaster as an educationalist on the label question and our duties as trade unionists to same.

Mr. Hungerford says in effect that union men have been wholly dereliet in having their women keep pace with them in their knowledge of this all import-(CONTINUED ON PAGE 8).



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