

With the Workers.

What Laboring Men Couldn't Do in Olden Days.

Result of the Vote for Officers of the Shoeworkers' Union.

1,500 Cab Drivers on Strike in Old London—Labor News From Various Sections.

Detroit has 343 union printers.

The Cleveland Bakers' Union has established a co-operative cracker factory.

Hamilton, Ont., street car employees now get from 12 1/2 to 13 1/2 cents per hour.

Employees of the Big Four road will see an increase of wages the first of the year.

The Trades and Labor Assembly of Columbus, O., is leading a fight on convict labor.

The anti-convict contract labor law goes into force in New York at the end of next month.

Manitoba, Minn., has the unique distinction of having the only foreman of a pressroom.

Denver unionists are prosecuting a contractor for violating the eight-hour law of Colorado.

Japan is soon to have a nail-making factory, with a capacity for turning out 400 keas a day.

A great strike of miners both in Germany and England is apprehended by the mine owners.

The three central bodies of Grand Rapids, Mich., will unite and join the American Federation of Labor.

The cigarmakers have issued 100,000 more union labels the past six months than for the preceding six months.

The metal workers of Detroit are making an effort to organize a central body, or allied metal workers' council.

Iron and steel works are to be started in Japan at a cost of \$4,000,000. Native capitalists are behind the project.

The United Garment Workers, by referendum vote, has decided to postpone its convention until the second Monday in February.

The New York Central Labor Union has adopted a resolution to memorialize Congress to limit immigration to 50,000 a year.

An appeal for aid has been made to all unions for the Milwaukee street railway strikers. The trouble has been on for six months.

After passing the House of Representatives, an eight-hour bill has been rejected by the New Zealand House of Lords by a vote of 15 to 13.

J. W. Bramwood, the newly-elected secretary of the International Typographical Union, assumed charge of the office in Indianapolis last Monday.

Cleveland leads the United States in 20 industries and the world in six—cars, wire nails, telescopes, luggage, cable machinery and chewing gum.

Grand Rapids street railway men are not organized, but Toledo men are. Toledo men gained 12 per cent advance during the year. Grand Rapids men lost 10 per cent.

The Press-Telegraph Union of San Francisco has decided to inaugurate the following wage scale: Cylinder pressmen, \$5 per week; platform pressmen, \$10 per week.

After paying all convention expenses and bills against the organization to Oct. 27, the International Typographical Union has a balance in the general fund of over \$35,000.

The result of the referendum vote last week was the election of John B. Jobin and Horace M. Eaton as president and secretary respectively of the Shoeworkers' National Union.

The Hamburg wharf laborers mean to do better than the London dockers, so far as wages are concerned, and have gone on strike for 10 days more than a "tanner" per hour.

Syracuse printers are feeling good because two more publications will employ union men and the printers at Grand Forks, N. D., are holding a little thanksgiving over a daily paper.

The coming convention of the American Federation of Labor in Cincinnati will last eight days. It begins on Dec. 14, and closes on the 22nd. Fully 500 visitors are expected, including the 150 delegates.

Edward McHugh, the British labor organizer, visited President Gompers in Indianapolis last week in furtherance of his object to practically combine the British and American seamen and longshoremen.

The Cigarmakers' Journal this month is valuable to all officers and members of the union. It contains a complete report of the proceedings of the recent convention, and embodies much interesting information.

The American Federation of Labor has issued a charter to the new federation of musicians organized recently at Indianapolis. The formation of the new National Union of Musicians, President Gompers says, means the death-knell of the National League of

Musicians, and one of the head officers of the league has written to the federation: "The last day of the national league is sung."

The printers' strike on the Winnipeg Tribune is still unsettled, and the strikers, in conjunction with the proprietors of the People's Voice, will commence the publication of a daily paper next Monday.

At the close of the second quarter of the present year the co-operative distributing associations of Great Britain comprised a total membership of 1,023,210. The total sales for the quarter amounted to £7,301,132, the net profits being £1,071,351.

The American Federation of Labor has issued a call for conventions of bicycle workers, butchers and caterers to be held in Cincinnati simultaneously with the convention of the American Federation. The object is to form a national union of each order.

A central labor council was organized in Chicago last Monday night, which it is hoped and believed, will supersede the two central bodies that have hitherto divided the trades-unionists of that city, and bring about the long-sought unification of labor there.

The strike of the London cabmen is spreading rapidly. There are now 1,500 cab drivers out, and the number is fast increasing. The drivers struck against the operation of a system in which only privileged cabs are allowed to solicit passengers at the railway stations.

The American Federation of Labor has set aside \$500 to pay the expenses of a delegate to co-operate with Robt. Howard, of Fall River, Mass., in organizing a union of all the textile industries of the country. If the union is effected the cause of organized labor will be greatly strengthened.

At the present time employment is much brisker in Great Britain than it is in Australia, and taking into account the constancy of work in England and the cost of living, workmen are much better off there than they are in the so-called workers' paradise of the southern hemisphere.

Even so recently as four years after the opening of the Liverpool and Manchester Railway, said Benjamin Baker in his presidential address to the civil engineers, certain forest-shire laborers ventured to form a trade union, and were sentenced to seven years' penal servitude for their pains.

A couple of centuries ago the magistrates fixed the rate of wages at quarter sessions, according to the price of food and clothing, the average being about 1s. a day for carpenters and masons, 8d. for laborers, and 4d. for women, with a deduction of 1d. per day during winter months. The hours of labor for all classes were from 5 a.m. to 8 p.m., with two hours and a half for men and rest. The penalty for an employer departing from these regulations in many places was ten days imprisonment and 15 fine, and a workman 21 days' imprisonment. No man in search of work could beg without a license, the statutory penalty for the first offense being whipping at a cart's tail "till the body be bloody by reason of such whipping, while the second offense meant the loss of an ear and two days' scourging, and the third one hanging.

THE APOSTLES.

A Scotch Lady Who Thought the Macphersons Would Have Done Better.

The most humorous passage in Ian Macpherson's new book, "Kate Carnegie," is that which occurs in the colloquy of a Free Church minister and an old Highland woman, who, after confiding in him various legends concerning her ancestors, who were out with Prince Charlie, ventured gravely to express her doubts as to the wisdom of our Lord as to the selection which he made of the Apostles. The passage is as follows:

"Maybe I am wrong, and I do not know what you may be thinking, but things come into my mind when I am reading the Bible, and I will be considering that it was maybe not so good that the Apostles were fishing people."

"What all you at fishermen, Janet?"

"Nothing at all but one thing; they are clever at their nets and at religion, but I am not hearing that they can play with the sword or the dirk."

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Port Jervis Correspondence, New York Herald.

Rev. Jacob Schoonmaker, of Susquehanna, Pa., by invitation, on Friday, went to attend a special service in an adjoining hamlet. The same evening he was invited home to tea by Elder Johnson. It was nearly dark when the preacher and the elder reached the house, and it was raining hard, and the minister's clothing was wet. The host attended his guest up stairs and provided him with a dressing-gown to wear to tea.

The minister, having donned the garment, went downstairs into the hall, and was met by the elder's wife, who had a Bible in her hand. Raising it aloft she hit the preacher a resounding blow on the side of the head, exclaiming:

"There, take that, you old idiot, for asking that preacher to stay here."

When the good wife discovered who was inside the dressing-gown, she said that she collapsed. Her husband has been so tickled ever since over the occurrence that he is actually setting fat.

Only the sufferer knows the misery of dyspepsia, but Hood's Sarsaparilla cures the most stubborn cases of this disease.

Philippine Horrors

Fifty-Nine Corpses Taken Out of the Manila Blackhole.

Men Nailed to the Wall and the Thumb-screw Applied—An Eye-Witness's Account.

From the London (Eng.) Daily News.

In a letter received in London from an English merchant in the Philippines, the writer says:

"Manila is at present quiet, but skirmishing is going on in the outskirts every day. The adjoining Province of Cavite is still held entirely by the rebels, and there they have killed all the priests and Spaniards. Great atrocities have been committed on both sides, but more so by the Spaniards, who have shown no mercy on the peaceful natives. A perfect reign of terror now exists. Wholesale arrests are taking place daily both of innocent and guilty, and most horrible sales of barbarity and cruelty are current. The Spaniards are torturing especially the more important people, to force them to declare. I am told they are actually nailing their hands up to the walls and flogging them with the thumb-screw, etc. There is no doubt it is perfectly true, but will all be denied by them in Europe, and any surviving witness will promptly get out of the way. No telegrams are allowed to go away without being censored by the Government, and correspondence is also violated, but not much through cables.

The Singapore papers have managed to get an account of the Black Hole of Manila, and the writer says:

In an old dungeon in the fortress some one hundred people were thrown in one night, there being hardly room for thirty. The miserable wretches were up to their knees in mud, filthy and putrid, and the next morning 59 corpses were taken out. I trust the European papers will take this up.

The rebellion is solely due to the utter rotteness of the administration here, which the natives, after being under the Spanish yoke for 300 years, cannot stand any longer. Things look very black, and business is at a standstill. I have been obliged to leave my estate, as the Government has refused to grant me any safety. I have not time to give you a full account of everything now, nor is it at all surprising that I am so nervous. For this reason I will not sign this. Secret police and spies are all over the place, and news has just come that the Province of Iloilo has risen. Executions have been wholesale. Yesterday four more unfortunate natives were shot in the public promenade. I went with Capt. Hogg to see it, but I hope I may never see another such sight. It was simply awful. The rifles were put so close to the heads of the prisoners that these were blown all to pieces. Actually, crowds of Spaniards went to see it. The Spanish say they will shoot five hundred of the ringleaders. I hope if they do Europe will be down on them, because this is worse than the Bulgarian atrocities.

The Government is so rotten on account of the Cuban war that they don't know where to get money from and so are arresting all prominent Indians. Like many others, I have anything to lose, and confiscate their property. The unfortunate who falls into the hands of the Spaniards is doomed forever. I know many people who have been arrested and taken to Europe to do with them what you please.

Floral Hints and Helps.

The Chrysanthemum—Primula—Sacred Lily—A Few Don't's.

By Narcissus.

The chrysanthemums seem to get bigger and better every year. There are some glorious specimens this season. It is the queen of fall and early winter flowers, and is a general favorite, though leaders of fashion tell us that it is not the fashionable flower it was last year. Dame fashion plays some sad freaks with some of her votaries sometimes, however, and sensible people like a good thing whether it is a flower or a man.

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five weeks. One of these makes a very pretty ornament for table or sideboard. The narcissus and crocus may each be grown in a similar way, several being placed together in a bowl with pebbles and water.

A FEW "DON'T'S."

Don't expect bulbs to prosper indoors if you only keep them in the dark one or two weeks; they need four to six weeks.

Don't expect your bulbs to bloom in the hot, dry, gas-laden atmosphere of a parlor containing a coal stove; they require a cooler room.

Don't imagine that the soil in the pot contains all the nutriment your plant will require during the winter; it must be fed now and then with a stimulant such as Bowker's plant food, or Excelsior fertilizer.

Don't forget that when your rooms are shut up to keep out the cold, an occasional airing will help your plants greatly; but be careful of cold draughts.

Don't be discouraged if you do not get the same success indoors that you had in the garden outdoors; the conditions are entirely different.

Don't be afraid to try something you have never tried before; you may learn much through failures.

Don't forget the old motto, "If at first you don't succeed, try again."

LUMBERING ON THE OTTAWA.

A Life of Great Hardship and Exposure.

River Drivers Often Waist-Deep in Icey Water—Faint-Bodied Men Find Frequent Outcome—Only the Most Robust Can Stand This Weary Round of Toil.

From the Ottawa Free Press.

Only those who have engaged in the arduous occupation of lumbering know how early earned is their livelihood, for among the many vocations of men that of lumberman ranks among the most dangerous and difficult. There is the heavy shanty labor from earliest dawn to evening star, when the toiler was toiled yearning for the year's end, and friends, and whose daily round is to eat and work and sleep, only setting aside a few minutes for a glimpse of the outside world through a long looked-for letter from some loved one far away.

Then the days lengthen, the frozen lake breaks up, and comes the driving of logs and hewn timber down the tortuous swift running stream, when necessity often calls the driver to wade body deep in the swift flowing, icy waters. None but the strong can engage in such heavy labor, only the most robust are able to stand the hours of daily toil, with but a mid-day hour's respite. Such, in brief, is the life of many thousands of laborers in the Ottawa Valley, and

among the many is Thomas Dobie, of 130 Eglar street, who for twelve long years has wrought for the great lumber king, J. R. Booth, shantying in the snowy northern forests, and lifting 3-inch deal during the summer heats. It is not to be wondered at that in his long experience and great exposure he should contract a severe cold that in time took permanent lodging in the region of his lungs and kidneys. Like many others, he thought to work it off, but in vain. Soon the pains in the region of the kidneys became so intense that frequent urination was necessary, and it was only the indomitable courage, born of a knowledge that others were dependent upon him, that urged him to push his weary round of