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SETTLEMENT OF THE WATER TAX QUESTION.

At last! The City Council has reduced the water rates. At its meeting on Monday, on motion of Ald. Conroy, the reduction was carried. It is worth noticing that when the vote was being taken on this important question some of the aldermen discovered they had urgent business in the smoking room. As it was a tie, this way of sneaking out of the vote deserves the severest condemnation. Good measures are very often lost in this way. In contrast to this was the firm conduct of Mayor McShane, who, alive to the interests of the people, and equal to the occasion, promptly gave his casting vote in favor of the resolution. His action in signing the by-law in the face of the protest entered by Ald. Rolland and Mr. Robb deserves special praise. Ald. Rolland is opposed to the reduction of the water rates because the appropriations will have to be reduced, or the Finance Committee will have to hold one or two extra meetings to put things just right. Well, that's too bad. On the other hand Mr. Robb writes a letter to the Mayor and aldermen telling them—that they knew before—that the new by-law means a reduction of \$155,000 in the city's revenue, and that, as all this year's accounts are made out under the old law, it will give the employees of the City Hall a little more work. Mr. Robb may be a very efficient officer, but when he presumes to dictate to the City Council and tell them that they should not do a certain thing because it does not please him, it seems to us he goes a little of his way. He is there to carry out the wishes of those who employ and pay him, and not to give advice or find fault. The sound thrashing administered to Ald. Rolland in Hochelaga Ward last February does not seem to have improved that gentleman. Well, he has got to find a constituency next year, and he will then discover that his action in the water tax affair will have the same effect as his opposition to the abolition of the property qualification for aldermen, and he will be elected to stop at home.

Sir Charles Dilke has been elected, and the party of social purity are now in mourning.

WORKINGMEN'S RESPECT FOR THE LAW.

The events which have followed the repulse of the Pinkerton mercenaries at Carnegie's works in Homestead, Pa., go unmistakably to show that American workingmen entertain profound respect for regularly constituted authority. Nor is this respect to be attributed to a fear of the consequences attending an encounter with a regular military force, but to an inherent sense of what is due to the law which they themselves have some small share in making. The men who so successfully repulsed Pinkerton's armed force, composed of men chosen for their recklessness, and drilled to a point of efficiency equal with the regular state militia, could probably have held their own, for a time at least, from the vantage ground which they occupied, against the military sent by the Governor of the State, and it was from no wavering or cowed feeling that they quietly withdrew instead, greeting the force sent against them with open arms in lieu of loaded rifles. The later action of the striking employees of Carnegie speak volumes for their good intentions previous to the strife and shows conclusively the mistake, or criminal blunder which the managers of the company were guilty in introducing hired Hessians drawn from the scum of all the large cities of the continent, to resist whom every workman would have been willing to shed the last drop of his blood. That the sovereignty of the law has been maintained at Homestead, and with the hearty acquiescence of the strikers is a proof that workingmen are at all times willing to bow to constituted authority.

NOTES OF THE WEEK.

During the past week the federation of the Toronto building trades has been accomplished, the constitution being accepted with the utmost unanimity by the various branches of trades represented in the federation. This new organization should be a powerful factor in securing for the workmen of the Queen City engaged in the building trades a just equivalent for their labor and a rectification of some of the abuses which still are found in several of these trades. We wish the new organization every success, and have no doubt it will come under the direction of such an able set of officers as has been chosen. They are all well known and enthusiastic workers in labor's ranks, and their names are a guarantee that the affairs of the organization will be conducted with tact and prudence.

The serious troubles which lately occurred in Idaho and Pennsylvania between labor and capital is the outgrowth of the great and growing disparity of the distribution of wealth, the competitive system and the locking up of the earth's natural riches in the hands of combines and trusts. Year by year these social troubles are growing more frequent while their intensity is increasing in the same ratio and no man can fortel what the end will be. Sooner or later there must come a radical change in the social relations of the people of this continent or the over-worked and underpaid workman will seek relief in open war against all who now grind him down. Here in Canada the disproportion of wealth is not so marked, yet the evidences of luxury on the one hand and extreme poverty on the other are conspicuous enough to create discontent of a very deep and serious nature, which at any moment may grow to a boiling over point under the influence of example from the other side of the line.

The fearful death-rate among the employees of United States railroads has often been the cause of discussion in the House of Representatives and of comment in the press, and the demand has frequently been made for the adoption of some system which shall

render the duties of trainmen less hazardous. The improvements sought include driving-wheel brakes to locomotives, train brakes for freight cars, automatic couplers, uniform height of draw bar, hand holds, etc., which if all added to the rolling stock would help to minimize the number of accidents to employees of railroads. Congressman John J. O'Neill, of Missouri, who has made this question a special study, lately presented a report to the House to accompany a bill of which he is the author. It appears from authentic tables submitted with the report that in 1889, 1,972 railway employees were killed, and 20,028 injured; in 1890 2,451 were killed and 22,396 injured. Alluding to this horrible maiming of limb and loss of life, the following comparisons are made:—Wellington won Waterloo and Meade Gettysburg with a loss of 23,208, while the total loss on both sides at Shiloh in two days' murderous fighting was 24,000. In the three years' war of the Crimea England lost in killed and wounded 21,035 men. None of these terrible battles furnished a list of losses equal to the loss in a single year of our railroad men, a loss equal, in fact, to the entire present force of the United States Army. In the Johnstown flood 2,280 persons perished, while during the year 1890 casualties on our railways resulted in railway employees killed 2,451, and injured 22,392. The Johnstown disaster filled the imagination with horror and sent a thrill of sympathy throughout the civilized world, but that calamity came in one fell swoop, while fatalities on the railways involving in the aggregate a far greater sacrifice of human life, have scarcely attracted public attention.

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Nothing has been done up to the present by the City Council in the electric railway muddle. It is interesting to watch the movements of the different parties interested in this deal. Aldermen who, a week or ten days ago, declared loudly that the Street Railway Company would never get the franchise if they could help it, are now counted among its staunchest supporters. This is a little strange, but we must remember that great are the persuasive powers of a wealthy joint stock company.

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR.

New York, July 11, 1892.

To Drivers, Conductors, Motormen and all other Street Car Employees Unions of America.

FELLOW WORKERS:—A convention for the purpose of forming a National Union of all Drivers, Conductors, Motormen, and all other Street Car Employees will be held Monday, September 12th, 1892, in the City of Indianapolis, Ind.

Many efforts have been made to organize the men who are employed by the Street Railroad Companies, but only to a very limited extent have they been successful; and then mainly on the lines of local interests. Experience has demonstrated that singly and alone Unions have too often been defeated in the contests with concentrated capital and that if the toilers are seriously inclined to disenthral themselves from the slavery of long hours of burdensome toil, to improve their condition and participate in some of the progress and advantages of modern life, it is essential that they must not only organize Unions of their respective localities, but to have these Unions formed into a National Organization, thus enabling all to concentrate their efforts upon a given point to obtain success, where otherwise by isolated action defeat would necessarily ensue.

For this and other reasons too numerous to mention in this circular, a Convention has been called to form one compact National Union of all Street Car Employees.

The Convention will be held in Manshur's Hall, corner Washington and Alabama streets, Indianapolis, Ind., at 12 o'clock, Monday, September 12th.

Representation in the convention will be upon the following basis: All Unions numbering 100 members or less, two delegates, and one delegate additional for every 100 members. Each delegate should be furnished with a credential signed by two officers and the seal of his organization attached.

When delegates are elected, notify Mr. J.

P. Riggs, No. 5 Grove street, Indianapolis, Ind., of the election, and also the projected time of arrival. Special rates of \$1.50 per day have been secured at English's Hotel.

In the name of our great cause I earnestly appeal to every organization of street railway employees to be represented at this convention. To the men interested in furthering the labor movement, the request is made to use every possible endeavor to make this convention a success, by persuading every organization of street railway employees to send delegates. The perpetrating of the crime of long hours of burdensome toil must cease.

Fraternally yours,
SAMUEL GOMPERS,
President,
American Federation of Labor.

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Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted bank cheque made payable to the order of the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, equal to five per cent of the amount of the tender, which will be forfeited if the party decline to enter into a contract when called upon to do so, or if he fail to supply the coal contracted for. If the tender be not accepted the cheque will be returned.

The Department will not be bound to accept the lowest or any tender.
By order,
E. F. E. ROY,
Secretary.
Department of Public Works,
Ottawa, 4th July, 1892.

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Ladies' Opera Kid Gloves, 19c
Ladies' Opera Kid Gloves, 25c
Ladies' Opera Kid Gloves, 38c
Ladies' Opera Kid Gloves, 50c

SPECIAL LINE

Ladies' 4-Button Tan Kid Gloves, 35c

SPECIAL LINE

Ladies' Mousquetaire and 4-Button Kid Gloves, in Black and Colors, 55c

SPECIAL LINE

Ladies' Gauntlet Kid Gloves, reduced from \$2.50 to a pair.

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In Ladies' Kid and Fabric Gloves.
Lowest Prices for July Cheap Sale.

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SPECIAL LINE

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July Sale of Boys' Clothing.

Boys' Galatea Sailor Suits, 95c
Boys' Crash Linen Suits, \$1.17
Youths' Crash Linen Suits, \$1.70
Boys' Linen Coats, 81c
Boys' Striped Flannel Blazers, \$1.95
Boys' Cream Flannel Blazers, \$1.65
Boys' Shirt Waists, 41c

Special Reductions in

Boys' Drill Man o' War Suits
Boys' Cream Serge Man o' War Suits
Boys' Flannel Shirt Waists
Boys' Cream Flannel Pants
Youths' Cream Flannel Pants
For the July Cheap Sale

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BOYS' CLOTHING.

Boys' Tweed Suits, \$1.50.

Every size in Boys' Summer Tweed Suits in stock at reduced prices.

HOLIDAY SUITS

In almost endless variety of styles

Youths' Navy Serge Suits, \$3.70
Youths' Fancy Tweed Suits, \$5.25
Men's Fancy Tweed Suits, \$5.65

SPLENDID STOCK

Of Business Suits for Youths and Young Men all reduced.

Stanley Helmets, 90c

Hard and Soft Felt Hats at Sale Prices

S. CARSLY.

JULY UMBRELLA SALE.

Ladies' Strong Umbrellas, 20c
Gentlemen's Strong Umbrellas, 43c
Ladies' Umbrellas, Special, 50c
Gentlemen's Alpaca Umbrellas, 70c
Gentlemen's Gloria Umbrellas, \$1.18

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Ladies' Gloria Silk Umbrellas,
with Fancy Nickel Handles, \$1.40

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Gentlemen's English Gloria Silk Umbrellas
with Natural Wood and Nickel Handles
\$1.40

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Gents' high-class Umbrellas reduced

For July Cheap Sale.

S. CARSLY.

SANITARY BED COVERS.

Fibre Chamis Co. (Limited), which has lately been incorporated, has just placed on the market these new Sanitary Bed Covers which are expected to quite revolutionize the bedding cover trade of the Dominion. The goods are not expensive, and are superior what has been so long in use.

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