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Current Comment

The Labor Temple will be opened on December 21st with a preliminary concert. Prof. Goldstein will deliver the opening address, and the whole building will be in shape for public inspection.

Here we are making an effort to add 2,000 subscribers to our list before the end of the year. The campaign opened this week, and already we have passed the 200 mark.

The Trades Council held its regular weekly meeting on Thursday last week after a two weeks' adjournment near the holiday. The business was largely of the regular routine, as none of the standing committees reported.

The Organized Workers have adopted the proposition of holding biennial conventions, and their sitting in Toronto may be postponed to 1906 as a result.

All the old officers were re-elected at the A. F. of L. convention just closed, and Pittsburg was chosen as the next meeting place. Toronto did not get enough votes.

The committee on scheme for defense fund among the local organizations have prepared an elaborate report for presentation to the Trades Council.

President Verville of the Trades Congress, went down to defeat along with two other labor men in Montreal in the recent provincial elections. Labor men had a good chance owing to the failure of the Conservatives, but unfortunately they did not avail themselves of it.

D. A. Carey is becoming a fixture at A. F. of L. conventions, as much as some of the international labor leaders. Twice delegate from the Trades Congress of Canada, and twice delegate from the American Federation of Miners, at the present time he is at the San Francisco meeting.

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In President Gompers' report to the San Francisco convention of the A. F. of L., the following references were made to Canada: "It is a matter of keen gratification to be enabled to state that the labor movement of Canada has advanced and is progressing, keeping full pace with the movement of the rest of the American continent. At the recent Congress held in Montreal the officers were enabled to report an increase in the membership of the unions of 5,000 over preceding years."

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The Brewery Workers' International Union has established another local union in Canada, this time at Granby, near Freyre, B.C.

E. W. A. O'Dell, general organizer and label agitator of the Book and Shoe Workers' International Union, is now in San Francisco, in the interests of his organization. This is the second visit of O'Dell to the coast, he having visited British Columbia two years ago.

"Madam," said the unshowered laborer, "you see before you a pure man who is slowly starvin' ter death."

"Serve you right," answered the heartless female. "You're not fit to be suddenly like decent folks."

in and shake it up once in a while, it will be useless as a heater in fact will do more harm than good. Unions are in a measure like a boiler. They must be fed, cleaned, and kept up to date. It is not a question of whether they are to be kept up to date or not, but when you absent yourself from your meetings—Mixer and Server.

W. J. McKee, general organizer of the Bartenders' International League, is now in Montreal, where he will spend two weeks longer, and then proceed to the northern part of New York State for a three weeks' campaign.

John Mitchell's United Mine Workers are gaining ground in Canada. Of the situation in British Columbia Vice-President Lewis writes: "The United Mine Workers are making very good progress, and prospects for improvement in the future. A thorough investigation of the operators and mine workers into the object of the United Mine Workers, its methods of doing business and policy will do much to promote the interests of all those engaged in the mining industry. There should be a large local union of the United Mine Workers on Vancouver Island. If any fellow mine workers do that, I will follow them up as a local union."

Are there union men who are ashamed of the union? If so, they must be lacking in that spirit which is one of the essentials of good citizenship—the spirit of corps. And they are indeed to be pitied, for a man out of sympathy with those who are his immediate associates in any occupation fails by a great deal to get the best out of life. Lawyers, doctors and other professional and business men have their unions for mutual benefit and general improvement, and are not ashamed of them. And there is no reason why a working man should not be proud of his own union, its progress and progressive union. If the union is not making it better, do not be blind to its shortcomings, and frankly admit them, if you choose, just as you would your personal faults. But never assume an attitude of apology with reference to unions. Defend its principles where they are ignorantly or maliciously attacked. Let the world know where you stand, and the world will know it. And it will receive its merited contempt. Be a man. Dare to be a man—Labor Leader.

Where labor is not organized, as in China, in Russia, in Africa and countless smaller countries, the tendency has been smaller checked to deprive them of their rights, and the laborers are degraded, ignorant and sullen, only awaiting an opportunity to strike blindly and viciously at the established government. What devastation from the torch and bomb would have occurred in Colorado if the workers were organized, but an intelligent organized fellow they lifted their time and struck fearfully down at the polls for the crimes.

Unions are the most potent factors in modern life. They alone stand between the working people and the unlimited greed of the corporations. They alone by compelling the payment of fair wages, can bring about at least a partial betterment of wealth. The good that they can do is enormous, and the workmen should see that they are not damaged in the public estimation by the non-unioning of goods that do not bear the union label.

Victor J. Berger, editor of the Milwaukee Social Democrat, has been elected to Congress. This is the first Socialist to be elected to a seat in Congress. The Socialist movement is rapidly growing, and this fact is a source of gratification to the Labor League party. In Chicago alone the party polled over 45,000 votes, which goes to show that the workingmen are studying the principles of the new party.

In the last week or two there has been all sorts of speculation going on as to what manner of man will be the next editor of the Toiler. Well, here is a short autobiography of the editor, and he ought to know. We were born in Missouri sixty years ago, and have spent the greater part of our life in the state. We do not smoke, drink whiskey nor eat. We do not gamble nor try to get something for nothing. In the year of 1897 we were elected to the office of political organizer in our town.

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It is very amusing to hear temperance advocates object to public saloons, and yet go to the saloon themselves. If the people are not in the saloon business now, why let it be? Do they not, through their public officials, license saloons, keep and also use the money received for the saloon license to defray public expenses?

If the granting of a license is in the power of the people, it is not better for the people to own and control the saloon and have it run in the interest of the people instead of by private individuals for profit?

There is very little change to be looked for on the part of the old Liberal or Conservative parties. They have voted so many years for the old parties that it has become second nature to them. The young men are thinking for themselves, and if the Labor League is to be a success it will have to give special attention to educating our young men along the lines of industrial reform.

The majority of preachers were very noticeable by their absence in the political conventions. No matter how afraid they may be of offending certain members of their congregation they cannot deny that the preachers are not disfranchised.

There is a right and wrong in the economy of any country and any political economy based on the principle of wage slavery is an wrong system. Every man was in the days of Abraham Lincoln, but in those days that great statesman lamented over the fact that the preachers voted against him.

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INDUSTRIAL REFORM

(By a Workman.)

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Never give up! There are chances and chances. Helping the hopeful a hundred to one, And through the chaos High Wisdom or Fate. Ever success—if you'll only hope on. Never give up! for the wisest is bolded. Knowing that Providence mingles the cup. And of all maxims the best, as the oldest, Is the true watchword of—Never Give Up!

Never give up! Though the grape shot may rattle. Or the fall thunder-cloud over you burst; Stand like a rock—and the storm of the little shall harm you, though doing their worst.

Never give up! If adversity presses. Providence wisely has mingled the cup. And the best counsel, in all our distresses, Is the stout watchword of—Never Give Up!

—Martin Farquhar Tappan.

LABOR LEAGUE. It would be a good thing for the members and officers of the Labor League to read the above piece of poetry and take for their motto "Never Give Up."

LABOR TEMPLE. It is not a very difficult task that the Labor party has set themselves this year in the civic elections. They are going to nominate three candidates for aldermen and two for the Educational Board.

LABOR INDUSTRIES. Before the toilers can make any great headway with the Labor League they will have to form co-operative industries and have a 75 per cent. educational fund. This has been one of the secrets of the great success of the co-operative movement in Great Britain.

THE CANADIAN CO-OPERATOR. "The Canadian Co-Operator" for No. 1000 is well worth reading, and the toiler that reads it and "The Co-Operative Echoes" in The Toiler will wonder why we cannot start co-operative industries in Toronto.

LABOR PLATFORMS. We have now three platforms before the Labor party in the Province of Ontario. The Liberal, the Conservative and the Labor platform. In the first two parties there may be a plank or two in favor of the workingman, but in the Labor platform all the planks are in the interest of the workingman.

THE SALOON. It is very amusing to hear temperance advocates object to public saloons, and yet go to the saloon themselves. If the people are not in the saloon business now, why let it be? Do they not, through their public officials, license saloons, keep and also use the money received for the saloon license to defray public expenses?

THE YOUNG MAN'S VOTE. If we are to have an industrial reform it will depend upon the young man's vote.

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MUNICIPALIZATION.

Hon. Francis W. Parker, member of the Illinois State Senate, recently had an article on "British Municipal Practice" in one of the magazines that was fine. It is his idea:

"Sir Robin Cook, the Nestor of the Manchester council, explained to me that Manchester operated its tram because it had to. They first leased them and tried to get company operation, but at last found out that the company would keep at them municipal and the tram, with the result that the employees had better pay and shorter hours, the public lower fares and better service, the street better equipped, and the city substantial net contributions to the revenue."

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