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BOATMEN'S
February, 1886,
1,000 members.

These boatmen are at work on the various
canals of New York and New Jersey. The
initiation fee is \$5, monthly dues 50 cents.
Hours of labor at first were twelve per
day; now only ten hours. Prices have
been raised from 18 to 25 cents per ton for
hauling, and wages formerly \$35 per month,
are now \$50. Spent \$4,000 in strike bene-
fits, and raised wages over 35 per cent.
The locals have a funeral benefit.

RAILROAD SWITCHMEN'S MUTUAL AID
ASSOCIATION OF N. A. had its beginning
March 2, 1886, at Chicago, with 4 locals
and 1,000 members; to-day it has 68 locals
and nearly 5,000 members. The initiation
fee is \$6, and the monthly dues \$1; \$700
are paid in case of death or disability, and
\$5 per week in case of accident. \$100,000
have been paid out in these benefits.

TAILORS' PROGRESSIVE NATIONAL
UNION was established August 22-29, 1886,
at Brooklyn, N. Y., with 9 unions, and
now has 13 unions and 1,500 members.
Initiation fee \$1, dues 25 cents monthly,
and \$6 per week strike benefit is paid, the
society also has a sick and funeral fund,
which is optional, and costs 35 cents per
month extra, and \$2 for initiation, the
sick benefit being \$6 per week, and the
death benefit \$75.

THE NATIONAL UNION OF THE UNITED
BREWERY WORKMEN was brought into
life August 29, 1886, and now has fifty-one
local unions and 2,500 members. At first
wages were \$45 to \$60 per month, for four-
teen to eighteen hours of daily labor; now
the wages are \$60 to \$80 per month, paya-
ble weekly, for ten hours of daily labor.
This Society has spent \$80,000 in strikes
and has a good record as indomitable
workers.

BROTHERHOOD OF PAINTERS AND DECOR-
ATORS OF AMERICA was founded March
15-16, 1887, with 13 unions and 500 mem-
bers; now has 116 local unions and 5,000
members. The initiation fee is \$1, and up-
wards; the dues 25 cents per month, and
upwards. The hours of labor range from
eight to ten hours per day, nine hours
being quite the general rule. The benefits
are: wife benefit of \$25 to \$50; member's
funeral, \$50 to \$100; disability, \$50 to
\$100; strikes, \$4 to \$5 per week.

HORSE-COLLAR MAKERS' NATIONAL
UNION formed April 5, 1887; now has 21
local unions and nearly 800 members.
Hours of labor, ten per day; wages, for-
merly \$1.60 per day, are now advanced to
\$1.90. The initiation fee is \$2 to \$3; the
dues 50 cents per month.

PATTERN-MAKERS' NATIONAL LEAGUE,
instituted at St. Louis, May 18, 1887, has
9 unions and nearly 1,000 members. Sick
and funeral benefits optional with locals.

PAVING CUTTERS' NATIONAL UNION
organized June 1, 1887, at Baltimore, Md.,
with 11 branches and 500 members; has
36 branches and 1,800 members; pays \$100
funeral benefit, and \$10 traveling loan.

JOURNEYMEN BARBERS' NATIONAL
UNION came into existence September 5,
1887, and has 8 locals and over 2,500 mem-
bers. The initiation fee is \$2; the dues
40 cents per month. At first the hours
of labor were one hundred per week,
but are now reduced to eighty-six hours
per week. Wages were \$9 per week, are
now \$13 per week. Strike benefits and
sick benefits are each \$5 per week.

THE BUILDING LABORERS' NATIONAL
UNION was started September 30, 1887, in
Worcester, Mass., and now has 30 locals
and 8,000 members. Worked ten hours per
day for \$1.75 prior to organization; now
work nine hours per day and eight Satur-
days, and gets \$2.25 to \$2.50.

JOURNEYMEN STONE CUTTERS' ASSO-
CIATION OF NORTH AMERICA had its be-
ginning March 1, 1888. Pays \$100 funeral
benefit, and has sick benefits in the locals.
The men work nine hours very generally,
and in many cases work only eight hours.
This society now numbers over 20 locals.

AN OYSTERMEN'S NATIONAL UNION is
now in process of formation, which will in-
clude 11 existing unions, with a combined
membership of 800. A sick benefit of \$5
per week and \$75 death benefit will be
embraced in the constitution.

THE SILK WORKERS have a very pros-
perous National Union, which is now
arranging to become part of a general
Federation of the Textile Workers, in-
cluding all operatives in the cotton, woolen,
carpet, and silk industries, and to be
organized strictly on a trade union basis.

