

Current Comment

The Amalgamated Sheet Metal Workers, during the course of high dues, their last convention in Ontario raised the per capita 10 cents per member.

Robert Blackling, secretary Ontario Labor Bureau, returned this week from the Bookbinders' convention and a trip to the World's Fair. He reports their latest convention as the best in the history of the union, both in point of business and legislation enacted.

The Butter Workmen are still fighting the Harris Adelton Co., who have this year pretty well crippled, as the great majority of retail bakers refuse to handle their meat. About the only place where acts of getting it in the Dairies Co.'s hands are the Harris' plan is an ad-

vised Works to help the bakers to vic-

iously finding out whose meat your bakers handles and refusing to buy any more stuff.

Mr. Wm. Bush, President of the Plumbers' Union, was chosen delegate to the International Convention which meets at Birmingham, Alabama. Mr. Bush is one of the popular members of his organization and received the honor of selection.

The officers of the Wood, Wire, and Metal Lathers' International Union, Inc., were elected as follows: President, Robert Paxton; vice-president, J. Bruce Peacock; general treasurer, George Coffey; corresponding secretary, George Coffey; general attorney, William L. Johnston.

The Bookbinders' convention made the following pronouncement on the now celebrated "open shop" question:

Your committee on the Miller case beg to report that having given such consideration to this matter as time at our command permits, feel that some pro-

mouncement should issue from this con-

vention that will indicate our position

so far as the importance of the present

question is concerned.

We therefore submit that the sense of this convention, representing the will of the international Brotherhood of Bookbinders, is, that the declaration for the open shop, by President Roosevelt, was not in the interest of the people of the United States.

Not many years ago New Zealand was in a constant condition of difficulty. Her resources were undeveloped and her cost at a discount. Then there came a social upheaval, and the crooks said this was the last straw. This caused her to fall to all the difficulty.

Then came the Balance of Payments

Ministry came into power, followed by the Seddon Government, and Labor policy began to take definite form. They grew rapidly, and soon some of the show

er cities were started, they are growing still, and the most

recent result was published recently. New Zealand had a surplus for last year of £600,000, and an accumulated surplus of £1 million.

When a man undertakes the task of bolstering up a rotten cause and making wrong appear right, he must not stand upon trifles or be too scrupulous over facts. Whilst he must be careful not to make his contradictions glaring as to refute each other, he must not be too careful to avoid all contradictions, and he must to a large extent ignore what in other people are palpable facts, and trust the credibility of his readers or his hearers to overlook these discrepancies in his evidence, and to accept his unapportioned statements for their guidance.

The meeting of the central body on June 25th was of a record kind, both in regard to attendance and unfinished business. There must be a radical change if we are in earnest toward our com-

mittee-elect.

The subject matter contained in the Municipal Committee's report, omitted being read at two successive meetings of the council, may have been acted upon or have rested on the minds of the public.

The Legislative and Educational committees were prepared to report, but like the Municipal Committee the session had no alternative but to carry them home again, to call again when the Council had time; this is quite natural, and there must be some control in the business of the Council.

Mrs. []'s letter from Scotland, took up a good deal of time, what was necessary was expressed during the discussion.

The request as compiled with was only on the lines of action adopted, when

Great Britain was considered, and the Council, as expressed on the question, was due to the Executive to deal with such letters themselves. The Executive's report was adopted and the resolution concerning it.

The Metal Trades section reported the Nigeria Navigation Company as on the decline.

The Miscellaneous Section reported that after considering the statement by the delegates from the Butcher Workers the section recommended to the Executive of the central body the endorsement of the Butcher Workers should they decide to call out the men employed at the Harris shop.

The International Secretary of the Brewery Workers communicated to the Council on behalf of the Brewery Workers thanks for the action of the Council and all economists in general in the united manner assistance rendered the Toronto local in its recent trouble.

A communication from an affiliated local asking for a committee to devise a plan of municipal building loans to working men, was adopted and requested compiled with.

A young man loves a young girl." "That's nothing startling."

"He is poor, but proud."

"He general is."

"Her father is a rich old skinflint and would sell her to an old chap of the same ilk for \$50,000." The young man asks for her hand, and of course he gets the bounce. Right there, when he throws his hat down, and jumps on it and says he will defeat the father's villainous machinations or perish, is a chance for some of the strongest acting on the American stage. It makes my hair curl to think of it. Adolphus stands like this, and gestures like this, and hurls his words."

It was the cat. He had been sitting up and listening to every word and wondering when Mr. Bowser would begin to get red in the face and yell out, and his attitude and gestures struck terror to his heart, and he uttered a howl and dived under the lounge.

"By thunder, but that infernal old feline shan't live another day!" he exclaimed as he located the interruption.

"Never mind the cat," replied Mrs. Bowser, "and you needn't go on with what Adolphus says either. There is no originality about that. All poor and proud young men get off on the same expressions when told to go forth and have potatoes for 50 cents a day. How does your hero finally get the girl?"

"He bears her away at midnight after

some men court, then marry, then go to court again."

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Bowser Tries Playwriting

He Returns to the Old Subject With New Hopes and Ambitions Even Though Mrs. B. Gives Him No Encouragement.

ability of W. A. Miller is concerned, your committee feels that the character of the selection of the press since this occurs twice lifts him out of the range of importance. The importance given to the management of President Roosevelt in manufacturing establishments must be regarded as open shops, is not the peg upon which organized capital hangs that organization to kill organized labor.

The American Federation of Labor is of about October last issued to the world their declaration in opposition to that of President Roosevelt. The philosophy of this declaration has been accepted by organized labor as their position, and organization after organization has so declared. Recognizing this, your committee feels that this International Brotherhood of Bookbinders, now in Canada, should take this opportunity to add their protest against the pronouncement of President Roosevelt, declaring the open shop to be in the public interest.

The history of international labor in the past stands out as a strange page in the annals of labor.

The declaration of the masses of the peoples of countries where organized labor exists and beyond succeeded essentially

to re-gain the great influence of the organization of the workers. The labor movement is an upward movement, its purpose is abolition of all conditions that do not operate for the general welfare.

This ethical desire is in contradiction to efforts of organized capital, which seeks at all times to reduce living possibilities and maintain such to the bare existence of those who toil. Does not a reasonable understanding of duty of public government indicate that such government should be directed towards the greatest good of the greatest number?

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