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Reports From Local Unions

Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners

A branch of the above society was organised in Regina in August, 1906, with an enrollment of twenty members.

Although it is only a few months since the society was organised the membership has rapidly increased and now numbers sixty.

The following officers, namely, J. Burland, President; A. S. Wells, Secretary; and W. B. Bird, Treasurer will cordially welcome new members to the society at their semi-monthly meetings in the Trades' Hall on Twelfth avenue.

Bricklayers and Masons' International Union of America

Bricklayers' and Masons' International Union of America, Saskatchewan No. 1, held their regular meeting on Tuesday, May 21st. All officers and fifty members were present.

A large amount of business was transacted, and the numerical strength of the union increases as the season advances.

United Association Journeyman Plumbers, Steam Fitters and Gas Fitters of America

The United Association Journeyman Plumbers, Steam Fitters and Gas Fitters of America, held its regular meeting on Monday last, May 27. The officers and a large number of members were present. Considerable business was transacted including the election of new delegates to the Trades and Labor Council.

Regina Typographical Union No. 657

The regular meeting of the above union was held on Saturday, May 4. The vice-president occupied the chair in the absence of the president, who is away on a holiday.

Several applications for membership were considered and referred to committee.

The subject of a labor day parade was discussed and it was unanimously decided that this union take part in the parade. The subject of a suitable uniform to be worn on that date will probably come up for discussion later.

The power of the union is being augmented month by month and excellent service is being rendered the cause of unionism by the institution of a vigorous label campaign.

Painters, Paperhangers, and Decorators Union of America

The regular meeting of the Painters Paper Hangers and Decorators' Union was held on Monday, May 6, in the Trades Hall. There was a fair attendance of members, but the business of the session was light. There is a lot of work connected with this union, and every painter in town should join, not only to help on the good work, but to materially better his own condition.

Success has a great tendency to throw a veil over the evil deeds of men.—Demosthenes.

Haywood Murder Trial

Edwin G. Leipheimer, staff correspondent of the Butte News, writing from Boise, Idaho, says:

Orchard's confession, or at least an outline of it, is at last in possession of the defence of the Haywood murder trial. This is the worst blow yet sustained by the state and interests behind the prosecution. The state planned to keep the defence in absolute ignorance of what Orchard would say in order that they would be unable to produce witnesses to contradict it.

How the leak occurred is unknown, but it is believed to have come from a newspaper office.

Plenty of Bankers

I asked Attorney Darrow last evening if he was still satisfied with the jury and with the men on the venire. He replied.

"You may say for me that I cannot understand how it is that while there are only four or five banks in this town, we have had no less than three bank officers on the venire and half a dozen bank clerks or cashiers. We have had nearly a score of capitalists and leading business men and while there are over 2,000 union men in Boise, we have had only one man who has ever been a member of a union labor organisation and he was disqualified because he had scruples against capital punishment.

"We will be forced to fight before a hostile jury. The jury will be fair and honest, composed of farmers but farmers are always opposed on principle, to men engaged in the industrial question. And they have no use for labor unions.

"We do not ask that we be allowed to have union men on the jury, but we should certainly have some union men on the venire. We have even had bank officials from outside towns in the country but have not

had a socialist on the venire, still the socialist party is ten times as strong as the prohibitionist in Ada county. There are now two prohibitionists in the jury box. About five of the one hundred and twenty-five examined are democrats, the rest are all republicans.

Ask No Favors

"We have only had one man who claimed to understand anything about labor unions. We do not ask for any favors from the men sent to summon the jurymen, but we can certainly expect impartiality in selecting the veniremen. They boast of high class labor unions here. I cannot understand it, but it seems queer to me.

"We have absolutely no hope of securing a jury with the present venire."

Hawley's Statement

Attorney Hawley said: "The venire is the best in the country, the men are nearly all farmers and if the defendants can get a fair trial anywhere they can get it here and now. It looks doubtful if we can get a jury without another venire."

Do not Deny It.

The defendants' attorneys refuse to deny that they have an outline of Orchard's confession secured by them when Gooding had an outline made for the labor leaders of the country when Gompers was invited to come to Boise and look at the case.

This invitation to Gompers was later withdrawn by the governor on the advice of McParland. The outline got into a newspaper office, but was never published. The defence is supposed to have got it from this source. McParland says he does not believe that the defence has the confession, but admits that it is not

impossible that they have an outline. Hawley thinks no one knows what the confession is outside of ten persons connected with the prosecution.

Defence is Jubilant.

Richardson and Darrow are both jubilant today at securing Orchard's statement.

"We can say that we have a pretty good idea as to what Orchard's testimony will be in detail," is all that Richardson would say.

With regard to developments in the case of Steve Adams, the attorneys for the defence say they know Orchard contemplated suicide, and that testimony to that effect came out during the trial at Wallace. Orchard wrote a letter to Warden Whitney saying he would be dead next morning. He told Adams he would break the crystal of his watch and sever an artery with the broken glass. Adams feared he would be charged with murdering Orchard and gave the alarm.

A letter of farewell is said to have been found by Warden Whitney in Orchard's cell in the penitentiary. This was at the time that Adams was put in the same cell as Orchard. McParland was called by Whitney and Adams claims that he cheered Orchard until the latter promised never again to contemplate taking his own life. McParland says he never knew that Orchard had a watch and was never called in to cheer him up.

Dean Hinks is said to have given out a statement that Orchard, before he was converted to religion, was contemplating taking his own life. Hinks refused to talk about the matter saying that he might be called as a witness.

Brotherhood of Carpenters

The following account which appeared in a recent issue of the Indianapolis Sun will be of interest to those in Regina who have for some time past been contemplating the

advisability of forming a branch of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters here:

"The organisation has a paid up membership of 230,000. As most of the members have wives and children, the part the Brotherhood plays is easily seen to influence a million or more men, women and children. Just at this time the big union is enjoying an unusually prosperous period. There are no difficulties of any consequence in the way of strikes and there is added joy in the hearts of every loyal member of the union, because it is now only a question of time until the Amalgamated Woodworkers will become a part of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners.

"The business of the general office is directed by three general officers, William D. Huber, president; Frank Duffy, secretary; and Thomas Neale, treasurer. There is a large corps of stenographers and clerks. A card index system gives information of the standing and personality of every member of the organisation. A card for each individual is filed showing the date of his initiation, his age and physical characteristics, and his financial standing with the organisation, which insures every member whose dues are paid up in full. The offices are a veritable hive of industry.

"The Brotherhood insures each member in good standing, and how well its financial affairs are handled is testified by the fact that the bank account shows a surplus over and above all possible demands of \$250,000. Charter number 1,804 was recently issued. This represents high-water mark for the organisation. The union charters are numbered from one up, and no inactive unions are carried. If a union cancels its charter its number is given to the next applicant, so that 1,804 represents the actual number of unions. Before 1906 the number of local unions had never mounted higher than 1,793. During July, August and September 11,775 new members were added."

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In introducing the Saskatchewan Labor's Realm to our readers we feel bound to confess to some degree of uncertainty and anxiety concerning its acceptance and success, for though we are convinced of the utility of a Labor paper in this great province of Saskatchewan, and know that the advent of such a one has been earnestly awaited by many, we are nevertheless reluctantly compelled to admit that, although working men are ever ready to discuss questions having for their object the advancement of the conditions of labor, they are usually the last to subscribe to

a journal of this kind, which is avowedly devoted to their interests, and which is the truest and most unbiased medium for expressing the labor situation to be had.

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There are times when the interests of Capital and Labor become involved, in spite of all the efforts at conciliation, which may be resorted to by those of either side who desire to see rather an honorable peace than a raging chaos.

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It is in such times as these that we hope, through the medium of this journal, by submitting to our readers, as concisely and plainly as possible, the true facts connected with any dispute which may occur, to keep them informed of the true cause of such dispute, in the hope that the great sympathy of the public will not be enlisted on either side by misrepresentation, and to the end that a speedy solution of difficulties may be found.

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We would have our readers to understand from the outset that this paper is not being issued merely as a money making venture. It is to a large extent a labor of love. A labor from which no worker should shrink. For what greater ideal; what nobler ambition can be desired than the emancipation and aggrandisement of labor. Ever ready are we to touch the hat and bow the knee to pomp and plenty, to the leisured classes, the unworking aristocracy, so called, but how seldom do we find the meagrest tribute to labor from which they evolve and without which they could not be.

Every institution, association or organisation possesses its own paper for the ventilation and propagation of its own ideas, and why not we, For, as the clarion voice of labor is raised in all the growing towns of this great province, so in like degree will a paper such as this, devoted as it is to union men and wage earners generally, be inevitably felt.

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On those grounds therefore we solicit the patronage and help of the wage earners of Saskatchewan. The subscription is only \$1 per year, and the longer our list of subscribers is, the easier it will be for us to produce a paper worthy the name of Labor's Realm.

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We earnestly invite the co-operation and help of all who are willing and able to contribute short articles on topics of an interesting nature in the labor world, such articles to be signed by the authors, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

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The Toronto papers have been urging that the plumbers' strike be stopped. There is however, no unfair comment on the attitude of the union although it is intimated that there must be give and take on both sides.

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SOCIALISM

(CONTRIBUTED BY J. H. TRIPP)

Probably no other subject is more widely discussed in the world today than that of socialism. Undoubtedly no other subject is more generally misunderstood and misrepresented. The capitalist press never omit an opportunity to confound socialism with anarchism or some other freak movement in their mad endeavor to stem the tide of revolutionary propaganda which is sweeping over the world today. Even some of the prominent leaders in the trades-union movement in America have denounced socialism in the strongest terms. But like all other revolutionary movements founded on truth and justice, socialism has withstood all assaults, and emerged from the conflict stronger and grander than ever in the justness of its principles. Slowly, but surely, "the truth that makes us free" is being learned by the workers, and the day is not far distant when they will see the fruition of their labors.

No subject is of more vital importance today to the wage-earners than socialism, as it is the only logical solution to the irrepressible struggle which is being constantly waged between Capital and Labor throughout the world. It strikes directly at the root of the evil, in as much as it stands for the abolition of wage-slavery. It does not waste time in fighting effects, but seeks to remove the cause.

Socialism is essentially a product of the nineteenth century. It was impossible during the days of individ-

ual production, when every man worked in his own shop with the crude tools of his time. Not until the small tool, operated by a single individual, gave way to the giant machine manned by a score of workers, was socialism practicable or necessary. Today we have social production; i.e., production carried on by a number of workers working together. Socialism simply means that as we have social production today, we should also have social ownership. The trend of capitalist society is to increase social production and decrease social ownership. The wealth of the world is constantly becoming centered in fewer and fewer hands, until today we have the Rockfellers, the Morgans, the Carnegies and the Vanderbilts, owning or controlling the largest part of the wealth of the United States.

Socialism, in a nutshell, means that the worker shall receive the full product of his toil, and not about one-fifth as at present. It means that he shall share in the blessings of labor-saving machinery, instead of being dumped on the labor market as a result of it. It means that labor-saving inventions shall be used to lessen the hours of labor, instead of increasing the intensity of the workers' toil. It means more leisure time for the worker to enjoy the gifts of nature, and to develop himself as nature intended him to be developed. Under capitalism the worker is nothing more than a mere machine, without any will but his masters'. Under socialism, he would rapidly develop into the noblest specimen of manhood, with

"the elements
"So mixed in him, that Nature
"might stand up, and say to all
"the world: This was a Man!"

How is socialism to be inaugurated? Simply by the class-conscious wage-workers electing members of their own class to parliament. They must first secure possession of the government, and everything else is easy. This can only be done in a lawful manner; that is, by the intelligent use of the ballot. Socialism means a revolution in society, but not a bloody revolution, as the capitalist press would lead the ignorant to believe.

Socialism is as far in advance of present day anarchy in production and government, as capitalism is ahead of barbarism. Speed the day of the social revolution. In the words of the immortal Marx:

"Workers of all countries unite;
You have nothing to lose but
your chains—
You have a world to gain."

Speaking a few days ago of the coal commission appointed by the Alberta government, W. C. Simmons, M.P.P., for Lethbridge, says there is plenty of work for it to do in obtaining information for the legislation that is needed to maintain the harmonious relations between the miners and operators and to insure the ceaseless operations of the mines. He states that the miners are anxious for the eight hour law, workmen's compensation act and compulsory arbitration, and that he will support such measures to a finish.

Blacksmiths' and Helpers' Union, No. 1, of Atlanta, Ga., lays claim to being the first trade union ever formed. This has been disputed by the officials of the Montreal Stonecutters' Union, who say that their organisation was one of the first on the American continent.

TRADE UNION CARDS

AMALGAMATED SOCIETY OF Carpenters and Joiners, local meets semi-monthly, in Trades Hall. President, J. Burland; Secretary, A. S. Wells; Treasurer, W. B. Bird. Secretary's address: A. S. Wells, Regina, Sask.

REGINA TRADES AND LABOR Council meets second and fourth Saturdays, in Trades Hall. President Thos. M. Molloy; Vice-President A. Luhm; Fin.-Sec'y, Geo. T. Walker; Corresponding Secretary, Hugh Peat; Warden, W. Watson; Statistician, W. E. Cocks. Secretary's address, Hugh Peat, P.O. Box 39, Regina.

TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION NO. 657, Regina, meets first Saturday in Trades Hall. President, J. M. Norris; Vice-President, Thos. M. Molloy; Fin.-Secretary, Jas. D. Simson; Rec.-Sec'y, W. Stevens; Sergt-at-Arms, Jno. McLeod. Secretary's address, Jas. D. Simson, P.O. Box 838, Regina, Sask.

BRICKLAYERS AND MASONS International Union of America, Saskatchewan No. 1. Meets every Tuesday in Trades Hall. President, W. McIlroy; Vice President, Wm. Brent; Treasurer, H. Walker; Recording Secretary W. Lockwood; Fin.-Sec'y, H. Chalmers. Secretary's address: W. Lockwood, Regina, Sask.

UNITED ASSOCIATION JOUR- neymen Plumbers, Steam Fitters and Gas Fitters of America, meets alternate Mondays in Trades Hall. President, Wm. Watson, Vice President J. R. Graham; Fin.-Secretary, George T. Walker, Treasurer, Samuel McLarty. Secretary's address: Geo. T. Walker, Regina, Sask.

PAINTERS, DECORATORS AND Paperhangers of America, local meets in Trades Hall, semi-monthly. Secretary's address: W. E. Cocks, Regina, Sask.

The Lemieux Labor Disputes Bill

The recent satisfactory settlement of the dispute between the Grand Trunk Railway and their machinists leaves little room for doubt as to the efficacy of the Lemieux Act when rightly used. The application for the appointment of a board was received on April 20th, so that exactly one month has passed from the inception of the board to the termination of its labors.

The matters in dispute were the usual ones in which labor seems to be inevitably involved, rates of wages, hours of employment, including day and night work, apprentices, reinstatement of men on strike or lock-out, etc.

This is one of the most complex and difficult labor disputes which has been settled for some time, and it is indeed a credit to all parties concerned that so admirable and satisfactory an understanding has been arrived at without the loss of a day's work to the men or a dollar to the company, and consequently without the slightest disturbance to the public service.

Labor Notes

In the settlement of the recent coal strike in the west the labor leaders acted in a most conciliatory manner and if the miners had been influenced entirely by their own immediate interests the mines might have been shut down for an indefinite period. The attitude of Mr. Sherman and Mr. Lewis all through the peace negotiations is sufficient answer to the demands from certain quarters that labor in Canada should not be affiliated with American unions.

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Political or geographical lines do not separate the interests of labor, and the broadest view that can be taken of an industrial controversy invariably finds expression in the advice of leaders of international labor movements.

The public press generally approve of the government labor law which provides for a board of conciliation and investigation. Under this system neither an employer or a union can interfere with existing conditions until the dispute has been dealt with by the board of investigation. The finding of the board is, however, not final or binding; and if not mutually acceptable a lock-out or strike may follow, but all the information and decision of the board will be published. If, however, the conflicting parties agree to the finding of the board the decision of the board becomes of the same force and effect as an order of the courts and may be enforced in this way.

Tobacco Trust To Rob Cradles

Press dispatches from Lexington, Ky., announce that a chance to test the child labor law in that section is near at hand. According to report many of the tobacco warehouses and stemmeries in that city are making women and girls perform all the labor that does not require masculine strength. They claim that a like number of women and girls, all things being equal, will do much more work than the same number of men, and do it better, when the labor comes within the limitations of their physical capabilities.

The tobacco people have been in the habit of paying men from \$1 to \$1.50 per day for work which they proposed to give women and children \$2 to \$4 per week to perform.

While there may be no truth in this press story, it behooves organized labor in Kentucky to be on its guard, and to prevent, if possible, any violation of the child labor laws of the state. Capital seems to be

determined to have child labor—to veritably rob the cradle. Wage-earners must therefore stand ready to beat back all onslaughts on the home.—Typographical Journal.

An exchange says: "How would you like to smoke the remainder of a cigar that had been smoked by a Chinaman? When you buy a trust cigar you do the same thing. Chinamen make a large proportion of them and moisten the point with their tongues to shape them up. In a union shop no workman is allowed to touch a cigar with his mouth, pure vegetable glue being used to stick the ends. Be sanitary; see that the blue label is on the box before purchasing a cigar."

It is easier for most people to follow the band than it is to face the music.

If every man who resents being called a rogue, resented being one this would be a world of wrath.—Bierce.

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Local Notes

In commenting editorially on the death of W. F. Luxton, *The Voice*, of Winnipeg, says: "The Voice notes with satisfaction that the Typographical union has determined to attend the funeral on Friday in a body. This is the first time that a similar mark of respect has been paid to a non-member of the organisation. In doing this the union is honoring the memory of a man who has indeed honored the profession of journalism."

W. A. McIlroy, president of the Bricklayers' Union, met with a rather serious accident recently, when a pile of lumber fell over crushing his foot. However, he is back to work on the Darke block of which he is foreman.

Regular meeting of the Typographical Union tomorrow evening.

The Trades hall has been sealed inside and other improvements are under way, which when completed will give the trades unions of this city a neat, comfortable and commodious meeting place.

Through the generosity of the Bricklayers' Union, lessee of the Trades Hall, the use of the hall will be granted to any body of men wishing to organise a union, free of charge. President W. A. McIlroy or T. A. Stanlake, chairman of the hall committee, will be pleased to confer with anyone wishing to secure the hall.

Mr. E. J. Dyer, general organiser for the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, arrived in the city on Wednesday. He has already received a large number of names of carpenters desirous of forming a brotherhood here, and speaks well for the success of his organisation campaign in the west.

Saskatoon Notes

Saskatoon, May 30.—The Saskatoon Typographical Union, No. 663, was chartered June 22, 1906. Since that time the union has been steadily working to establish an equitable scale and the eight-hour day, and has succeeded in signing up the two daily papers of Saskatoon, the *Phoenix* and the *Capital*. The only printing office in Saskatoon which has refused to recognize the union is Norman Bros., Job Printing office.

There is generally a good demand for printers here.

It is hoped that during the course of the next few months an organiser of the A.F. of L. will visit Saskatoon and organise a number of unions and form a trades and labor council. There appears to be no reason why strong unions of the carpenters, plumbers and tinsmiths, painters, retail clerks, and numerous other trades should not be formed here.

With the fine weather lately building operations have been brisk.

The label committee of Saskatoon Typographical Union is composed of Messrs. L. A. Bailey, (chairman), H. F. Garrett, J. Frost, and J. A. Manke. The committee is preparing for a strong label booming campaign.

—L. A. B.

A plan by which the metal trades of the United States and Canada may act as a unit, if need be, call vast strikes, is suggested by President Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, who has issued a call to the officials of the metal workers unions of Chicago. The object of the plan is to have all contracts begin and end at the same time in both countries, so that in making new agreements unions in this branch of industry can have full power of their international strength to enforce their demands.

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