

LABOR'S BATTLE.

THE RECENTLY ORGANIZED KNOWN BY A PHILADELPHIAN.

John S. Kitchner Addressed a Large Audience in the Court House Last Night—Eight-Hour System Favored.

The court house was crowded on Tuesday evening with friends of labor to hear their side of this great problem discussed by the several trade unions met at Broad's hall, on West King street, and after a short street parade, headed by the Troop band, marched to the court house.

At 8 o'clock the meeting was called to order by Elmer E. Greenwald, chairman of the committee of arrangements, and he introduced the speaker of the evening, John S. Kitchner, of Philadelphia, general organizer of the American Federation of Labor.

Mr. Kitchner is a pleasant speaker, and held the close attention of his large audience for an hour and a half. He was frequently stopped with applause in his statements and arguments that scored a point in favor of the workingman.

He began his address by referring to the American Federation of Labor as an organization that has come to stay, because it demands only that which belongs to the workingman, and yet there is opposition to the organization among public men, who question the right of labor to organize.

Workingmen are the producers and should have the right to do that which they produce. As the wage workers contribute the greatest bulk of our wealth, they have a right to better wages for that which they produce.

The unions in a term very vaguely understood. In former labor organizations, some of them far from, were made which did not honor the hours of those organizations, or the criticism and opposition of the public.

The trade unions of today are not afraid of the public gaze and are prepared to give any one full scrutiny into their movement. The working classes to-day receive no bare promises for the future. Their members are not deceived.

While each week to the funds, and certain funds collected members, when they are relieved. The British trade union is an example of what can be accomplished in this direction. In England, the poor house is a thing of the past.

PROPORTION FOR THE WORK DONE.

The only means of employment for those unemployed is by a reduction of the hours of labor to eight and when the system is in force the laborer will get as much for 8 hours as now paid for 10, 12 or 14 hours.

In Australia, where the eight-hour system is in force, the introduction of the system. With eight hours of labor the workingmen have time for reading and thinking, and as a natural result their minds become broadened.

They examined the political methods in vogue, studied out a new system and the result is what is known as the Australian, the best system of voting ever devised.

In conclusion he said that justice and right is on the side of the working class, and that being the case they would in due time achieve success. There should be no objection to a reduction of the hours of labor.

It would benefit the manufacturer and merchant, because the unemployed would secure work to do, and as a result more consumers and a greater diffusion of wealth among those who do produce.

Oscar Seidel, who was to have addressed the German textile workers, was unavoidably detained at his home in Philadelphia and could not be present. After the meeting Mr. Kitchner had a conference with a number of textile workers, and a meeting will be held on Sunday, with a view of forming a trade union of workers in this industry.

A LECTURER STOMED AT YORK. Mrs. Shepherd wounded—Her assailant shot in the back of the head. Mrs. Margaret Shepherd, of Boston, Mass., advertised as a converted Romanist, delivered two lectures in the opera house in York, Tuesday afternoon and evening.

Before the evening's lecture a number of men were noticed by the police acting in a suspicious manner. The trade unionists of the opera house, and a watch, was put on them.

After the evening lecture, about 10:30 o'clock, Mrs. Shepherd was walking home, her husband, came out of the opera house, and about a hundred yards distant Victor Segnor, alias Himmel, who was standing near the opera house, shot her in the back of the head.

THE REPUBLICAN CAUCUS.

A BIG CONTEST EXPECTED AT THE MEETING OF COUNCILMEN.

Stathon Liberty to Be Again Chosen Treasurer—Six Aspire to the Secretaryship—The Present Situation.

The caucus of Republican members of council will be held this evening after the adjournment of council, and from present appearances there will be a lively session.

There are twenty-two Republican members of council, and it will require twelve votes to nominate. The candidates for treasurer are J. Harry Rathfon, Wilmer J. Hoen, and E. J. Ertman. The chances appear on the surface, to be in favor of Rathfon, the present incumbent.

For superintendent of the water works the contest will be close. The applicants are the present superintendent, E. F. Fralley, Peter C. Hessel and Joseph H. Huber. Fralley's friends claim enough strength to nominate him, but Hessel's friends do not concede it.

The candidates for street commissioner are Chief of Police Smeltz, Peter B. Fordney, Wm. O'Bryan, of the Ninth ward, Miller Zekman, Ben Trout, Henry Shaub and a few others without any apparent following.

Smeltz claims enough promise to win, but the contest between his friends and those of Fordney may be so close that a new man may be chosen, in which event O'Bryan may pull through.

The greatest contest is for city solicitor. The candidates are Wm. T. Brown, Harry Carpenter, A. F. Schenk, John E. Snyder, E. P. Brinton and Thos. Whitsom. Schenk is backed by the solid business section and will lead in the early ballot.

For the presidency of select council the candidates are Wm. Riddle and David E. Long. Mr. Riddle is the honor as the oldest member of select council, and Mr. Long a renomination, he being the present presiding officer of that branch.

John H. Baumgardner will be elected president of common council without opposition. Neither Aldermen Barr or Deen have any opposition for clerk of council.

AN ASTONISHED BARTENDER.

He Could Not Understand the Change in His Customer's Size.

From the Chicago Times.

A good story on a certain well-known restaurant of the city is told from the mouth of the bartender of the place. It is the unfortunate victim of this episode, is a jolly good fellow and by no means averse to a little extra business.

One day not long ago he was called to a customer's room by a man who he had never seen before. He was a stout fellow, and he had a very good deal of money on him.

He entered a saloon to get a glass of beer. It happened the bartender's back was toward the bar and he was engaged in stepping to the bar and resting on his shoulder, he took off his elegant hat and proceeded to mop off the perspiration which had gathered on his forehead.

He was looking at the man who had entered the saloon, and he was wondering who he was. He had never seen him before, and he was not at all acquainted with him.

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BISMARCK'S SUCCESSOR.

GER. EMPEROR BY THE EMPEROR TO LEAD HIS CABINET.

The Commander of the Tenth Army Corps Called to the Responsible Post of Chancellor—Tuesday's Rumors.

BERLIN, March 19.—General Caprivi, commander of the Tenth army corps, has been appointed successor of the emperor, to succeed Prince Bismarck as Chancellor.

The following dispatch to the New York World has been received at the London office, via Cologne, from Berlin: The great German disaster which will be Bismarck's successor. Most men incline to the idea that Dr. Hinzpeter will be the man.

Another dispatch says: The emperor's cabinet will be his own. He will retain full power, while the chancellor will be retained with all the honors of the office.

The immediate cause of the crisis is obscure, but it is believed to be the emperor's Socialist policy, which is having a great effect in undermining the emperor's authority.

It is discussed before the State Revenue Commission on Tuesday. Two public sessions of the state revenue commission were held on Tuesday.

The internal revenue features of the bill are as follows: The entire abolition of all special taxes upon dealers of all kinds, commonly known as the excise tax.

The earth, earthenware and glassware schedules remain substantially as in the existing law. There are a number of important changes in the metal schedules.

The railway iron is reduced to 6-10 tons a pound, the present rate being 117 a ton, a reduction of about 14 tons and a reduction of the rate is from 117 to 103.

PAN-AMERICAN SWANT FREE TRADE.

Debate Shows That It Is 1-3 Per Cent. of South American Goods.

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NOTHING TO EAT.

BOILED POTATO PARTNER KEPT AS A NEED FOR EIGHT PERSONS.

Miseric in Wilkesbarre and Victim Starving—A Relief Society Organized in That City—Story of Destitution.

Wilkesbarre Dispatch to New York Herald. The people of the Wyoming Valley are fast awakening to the fearful amount of destitution existing in that region among the mining population.

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