

STATUS OF OUR TRADES UNIONS

SET FORTH IN A PUBLICATION JUST ISSUED.

There Are Thirty-five Local Unions of the Various Crafts, Not Including Men Employed on the Railroads, All of Whom Are Thoroughly Organized—Standing of the Several Locals—Men Who Look After the Interests of the Various Bodies.

A pamphlet just issued containing a report of the work of the Pennsylvania State Legislative Labor League contains the following statement with reference to the status of trades unions in this city:

The labor movement was first started in this city some twenty years ago. Since that time it has had a hard struggle, at one time it was almost blotted out of existence, when it again revived under the management of the Hon. T. V. Powderly and others. About seventeen years ago the first distinctive trades union was formed here, viz., the Typographical Union, No. 112. About twelve years ago the Building Trades began to organize. From that time up to today the work has been rapidly pushed forward until we are now able to say that there is not a better organized town in the country of its population.

STANDING OF LOCALS.

Table listing various trades unions and their membership numbers, including Printers, Bricklayers, Carpenters, Plumbers, etc.

Green Leaf

The Annual Clearing Sales...

We begin this week the readjustments of all departments to conditions that will enable us to place with knowledge our orders for spring and summer. There will be SPECIAL SALES in all departments and reduced prices will prevail everywhere. Bargains here will reach their full dictionary sense—"something under value." Such terms as "a quarter," "a third" and "a half off" will truthfully mean that proportion of reduction from the regular prices. Besides we look forward to the

January Sales of Linens And Domestic

We have prepared for these by searching the markets and manufacturers for all that is good and serviceable and yet at specially little prices.

THE PRINCIPAL FEATURE OF THE WEEK will be the Muslin Underwear Sale

All the articles that come under the above head that belong to "mildly's" wardrobe are composed wholly or in part of Cambrics, Lawns, Nainsooks and Laces—both domestic and imported, that have become mussed, soiled and wrinkled by handling in display and showing have been reduced to figures that come pretty near reaching the values known as

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principle of trades unionism. Its recording secretary is another type, P. G. Moran, president of the Scranton Newspaper union, who is always in by delegates representing the different locals affiliated.

BUILDING TRADES COUNCIL. The Building Trades Council is another great factor in pushing the good cause along. It is made up of delegates representing the different locals whose members are employed in the building trades. Its president is P. J. Thomas, of Carpenters 645, and its recording and corresponding secretary, Joseph Cooligan, of the Woodworkers. His address is Archbald, Pa.

The unions represented in this body have, during the past year, been making vast strides to the front. The Carpenters, through their foresight in putting and constantly keeping a business agent in the field, have in this short space of time increased their membership four hundred per cent. There are nine unions, besides the Carpenters, represented, and they see the advantage of a business agent, have put another in the field, with the result that they are all gaining membership rapidly while he has only been in the field one month, yet the painters, for instance, have gained one hundred per cent.

The Carpenters' business agent is J. M. Knowlton, 400 Lackawanna avenue, and the Building Trades' agent is W. Keiper, 400 Lackawanna avenue.

INDUSTRIAL JOTTINGS.

New Brake That Has Been Invented by Engineer A. J. O'Hara of Port Jervis—Switch-back Road Leased.

A patent has just been issued to Erie Engineer A. J. O'Hara, of Port Jervis, for an emergency safety brake for electric and all kinds of street cars, the use of which will be highly appreciated by the public, particularly so in the cities where railroads run on heavy grades, as in this city for instance.

There have been other safety emergency brakes invented but in every case the patent record shows that these rail brakes that have been hitherto devised were all suspended from the body of the car, and as anything suspended from the body of the car is subjected to a variation of the distance between the car body and rail caused by the yielding of the spring and the oscillation of the car box in the pedestal it thereby destroys the use for a rail brake that is being attached or suspended in any way to the body of the car.

Mr. O'Hara has overcome this difficulty by placing two parallel rods on the axle thereby making a frame to build his brake on, and as the distance between the rail and the axle does not vary he gets a continuous contact on the rail whenever the brake is applied. The brake is on the lazy tongue plan stretching conversely under the body of the car suspended from parallel rods on the axle, brake shoes being placed near the wheels, with the flange on the inner side of the rail and a diagonal depression bar on top of each shoe, so when the brake is applied nearly the whole weight of the car is brought downward on the shoes, while the friction on the inner side is made by the flanges coming in contact simultaneously. It is applied by hand power as the leverage can be regulated so, but little power is needed to get great retarding force.

THIS AND THAT.

The famous Switchback railroad at Masch Chunk has been leased by John P. Blakeslee from the Lehigh Coal and Navigation company for a period of twenty years. The Mumford family had the road the past twenty years. It is said the Lehigh Valley Railroad company has placed an order for ten Pullman sleeping cars with the Pullman Car company to take the place of the Grand Trunk sleeping cars now being run between Buffalo and New York.

MOBS IN CHINA.

How It Is Possible to Deal with One of Them. From the London Times. Some years ago Mr. Detring, a well-known China hand, was riding with a friend from Taku to Tien-Tsin, without escort of any kind. En route they had to pass a Chinese regiment on the march. Mr. Detring, who was behind, saw a soldier encouraged by his officers and comrades deliberately stab his friend's pony in the buttock with his bayonet, the whole regiment being convulsed when the animal plunged, nearly unseated his rider, and bolted. Mr. Detring at once rode at the man, cut him over the head with his riding whip, picked out the commanding officer, and harangued him so vigorously on the thrashing which, unless an apology were forthcoming, he would forthwith inflict on him, and on the certain loss of his head when the matter came to be reported to the Viceroy Li, that the officer descended from his horse and knocked his head nine times in the dust before his soldiers. And Mr. Detring, miles from any possible assistance, rode unharmful on his way.

With the exception of cases where organized bodies are concerned—such as the regiment, fire brigade, or gang of coolies—help is, as a rule, rendered by the bystanders to a competitor who has risked a mauvaise plaisanterie on a foreigner, and who is in return receiving a lesson in comitas inter gentes. Much as his wit and audacity were relished, not a finger is lifted to help him. One can even disarm a hostile mob by managing to turn the laugh against the ringleader. Remarks as to his personal appearance are often very useful. A friend of mine once saved the situation by pointing hilariously to a bald-headed man at the head of an angry crowd, and exclaiming: "Where, oh, where, did this shining light spring from? Is it perchance some planet that has left its starchy bed to condescend to light us?" A curious case happened to myself. One winter's evening a crowd loitering on the banks of the moat outside the

Pekin walls hooted and yelled as I rode past on a very hard-pulling pony—in the benign hope of making him bolt. I pulled up with difficulty, and turned his energy in their direction. One man, dressed in silks and satins, had his mouth still open, but the yell died on his lips when he saw that he was singled out. In the most absurd panic, for I had nothing in my hand, he ran down the slippery bank, out on to the thin ice, which promptly gave way, letting him in up to the waist. I asked him why he had run into such cold water (in China everything is by contrast), and left the crowd jeering at him as he wearily emerged.

But one must make sure of having got the right man. Two friends of mine were traveling one winter—a shooting trip, I think—in the wild country north of Pekin. Tired, cold and hungry, they found a rough inn at night and proceeded to the mud-floored, paper-windowed guest room assigned to them in the place of honor at the bottom of the court yard. But they, being the first, or among the first, foreigners to visit the out-of-the-way town they had reached, the bulk of the inhabitants invaded the inn to have a look at them, poured like the tide into their room, and when driven out stood outside and poked their fingers through the windows, through which "peep-holes" rushed in a night air at something considerably below zero. After several appeals to their feelings, my friends lost patience, and, making a sally, captured a man left stupidly standing in the yard when the wave retired. He was taken into the room and asked what he meant by it. As he obstinately refused to answer, they laid him down and administered half a dozen blows with a cleaning rod. At this point the landlord came in, and when he saw who was the captive, laughed and he cried, "Why," he said, "that's our village idiot; and he's deaf and dumb!"

LO LET LOOSE.

And Almost Paralyzed the Dear Girl from Boston.

They are telling a story in Boston about a girl from that town who visited the exposition that was held in Omaha last summer. She was greatly interested in the Indian sham bath, and after the affair was over endeavored to engage one of the painted warriors in conversation.

"Heep much fight," said the dear creature in that queer language that all good Indians are supposed to understand.

Lo gazed at this dainty maiden from Beantown, and never said a word. "Heep great show," said the fair maiden, "Injun heep fight. Big powder, ugh!"

Lo smiled a stoical smile, drew his blanket closer about his stalwart form and replied: "Yes, this is indeed a great exposition, and we flatter ourselves that our portion of the exhibition is by no means the least attraction here. May I ask who it is I have the honor of addressing?"

The dear girl from Boston was thunderstruck. She blushed a rosy red—even Boston girls can blush when they thaw out—and hastily fled.

She had been addressing one of the Carlisle Indian school graduates.

SHOT HER COUSIN.

Mrs. Borglund Kills Peter Hanson, a Tailor. Duluth, Minn., Dec. 27.—Mrs. R. L. Borglund today shot and killed Peter Hanson, a tailor, and then cut her own throat, but was not effective in her own case and probably will recover. Mrs. Borglund is a widow, 40 years of age. She kept a number of boarders, among them Hanson, who is her cousin.

He is 30 years of age, but although ten years his senior the widow was wildly in love with him. Hanson paid her considerable attention for a time, but lately had been quite devoted to a younger and fairer woman.

Fall Dearer Killed. Negaunee, Mich., Dec. 27.—At the funeral of Mrs. William Martin today, a team drawing a hack carrying mourners ran away. William Keever, a fall-dearer, who was walking beside the horse was run over and almost instantly killed.

Byran at Cincinnati. Cincinnati, O., Dec. 27.—Colonel William Jennings Bryan will be present here at the Jackson day banquet of the Duckworth club. The date of the banquet has been changed to Friday, January 7, to meet his convenience. The speech of Mr. Bryan here is expected to be of his opening of the campaign against expansion.

From Store to Store. He—"Don't you women ever know what you want when you go shopping?" She—"Gracious, no! Why, that wouldn't be shopping; it would just be buying things."

Poisoned Blood

Disagreeable Itching Spread All Over His Body—Sleep Disturbed—Hood's Sarsaparilla Drove Out the Poison and Cured. "I have been poisoned every summer for years. Last summer the poison came out on me worse than ever before. I would frequently be awakened during the night by the itching. I would scratch myself, but instead of being relieved the trouble spread to different parts of my body. I tried various remedies which people recommended to me, but none of them ever helped me. I made up my mind the poison could not be cured until my blood was pure and then I decided to take Hood's Sarsaparilla. While taking the first bottle I felt relieved from the itching. I kept on taking the medicine and it has entirely cured me. I am now on my fourth bottle and I can sleep soundly at night." WILLIAM REE, 3123 Westmont Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

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TRIP IN AN OPEN BOAT.

Captain McDonald and His Family Travel 2300 Miles. San Francisco, Dec. 27.—Captain McDonald, of the burned bark C. D. Bryant, accompanied by his wife and children, arrived here today from Honolulu on the steamer China.

The Bryant, which was bound from Puget Sound for Africa, with a load of lumber, burned at sea on Nov. 5 and the survivors traveled 2300 miles in an open boat, when they reached one of the Hawaiian group.

Killed His Bookkeeper. Spartanburg, S. C., Dec. 27.—J. K. Stuckey, one of the wealthiest merchants of this city, shot and killed his bookkeeper, John Seiler, this morning. There was no eye witness to the tragedy, but it is reported the men disagreed about a settlement. Both were well connected.

BABY'S Terrible ECZEMA

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