

# State of Pennsylvania

### Demand Bibles.

Norristown.—A score of boys and girls of the Bridgeport schools refused to attend sessions because of the action of School Board in barring the reading of the Bible and reciting the Lord's Prayer at opening exercises. The children instead of attending the school waited upon John attending the director who has opposed the proposition of Director Miles Lawless, and while he counseled them to abide by the decision of the majority of the directors, they declared that the Bible was restored, school was back of the children, and Parents' general sentiment is against the board's action, it is believed that a special meeting will be held to reconsider.

### Trousseau Money.

Butler.—Her wedding day set and guests invited, Miss Emma Ely is in a dilemma. Her trousseau is not complete and she has been denied complete and by her guardian, Mrs. Anna Negley, by her wedding outfit. Negley, Miss Emma has appealed to Judge James M. Galbraith, of the County Court, asking that the guardian be compelled to provide money for the trousseau. The young woman sets forth in her petition that she is an heir-at-law to a large sum of money, but that she has been given only \$74. The guardian, it is alleged, disapproves Miss Emma's marriage, and she objects to this interference with her love affairs.

### Killed Playing Tag.

Shenandoah.—Playing tag with little companions at St. Nicholas saw mills, Elizabeth, the 3-year-old daughter of James Brennan, was instantly killed and David, the 4-year-old son of Owen Jones, had his two legs broken and was so badly injured about the body that he will die. The children, with four others, were playing upon a lumber pile when two large pieces, 8 by 12 inches and 25 feet long, tumbled over on the victims, crushing the girl's skull.

### Fire 900 Feet Underground.

Shamokin.—Fire was discovered 900 feet underground, at the Cambridge Colliery operated by the Susquehanna Coal Company, and as smoke began penetrating the mining chambers, an alarm was given and all men in the danger zone escaped to the surface, after which a volunteer fire force was organized and a fierce battle with flames ensued. Owing to the scarcity of water, efforts of the men were greatly handicapped.

### Killed Herself.

Reading.—The death of Mrs. Andrew McCreath, a society woman of Harrisburg, who had been undergoing treatment at a sanatorium on South Mountain, near Wernersville, was investigated by the coroner's jury when a verdict of suicide by drowning was rendered. Mrs. McCreath was in the habit of taking walks through the surrounding woods.

### Peaches Plentiful.

Jersey Shore.—In this section there is a big crop of peaches this year. This is all the more surprising as it was generally believed that owing to the drought the peach yield would be very short. Peach growers agree that the fruit may be a little below par as far as lusciousness is concerned, but cannot see that the lack of rain has affected their number or size.

### Auto Carnival.

Media.—The Automobile Club of Delaware County will hold a 1910 motor car carnival in Media, in October. The date has not yet been fixed. Arrangements are being made to have it one of the biggest affairs of the kind ever held in this section and many cars will be exhibited.

### Engineers Scalded.

Altoona.—The engine was unsafe and should never have been sent out," was the dying statement of Herbert S. Rishel, aged 33, a Pennsylvania fireman, who was scalded to death when the crown sheet of his engine dropped down while he was in front of the fire box, enveloping him in scalding water and steam, which burned him from head to foot.

### Killed By Express.

Mount Joy.—Henry M. Kreider, of Rohrertown, while working for the Pennsylvania Railroad, was struck by the Niagara Express, at Lenover, and instantly killed. He served three years in the regular army, having been stationed in the Philippines.

### Brakeman Killed.

Tamaque.—Michael Madden, aged 34 years, a Philadelphia and Reading brakeman, was run down by cars here during the night while on his duty reporting for duty and was instantly killed.

### Dickinson's Enrollment.

Carlisle.—Dickinson College opened its one hundred and twenty-seventh year here, with the largest freshman class in the history of the institution. The great influx of students has compelled the college authorities to open the South College for the accommodation of many late-comers.

### Railroad Reorganizes.

Lancaster.—The purchasers of the Pittsburgh, Johnstown, Elensburg & Eastern Railroad in Clearfield County, which was sold at receivers' sale last April, met in this city and reorganized as the Phillipsburg and Johnstown Railroad Company, the capital being fixed at \$300,000. The president is H. K. Myers, and the Board of Directors consists of John C. Carter, Charles P. Miller, F. A. Achey, E. J. Ryder and H. S. Rich, all of this city and county.

### Counterfeit \$5 Bills.

Easton.—Two Italians, who refused to give their names, were arrested here for passing counterfeit five dollar bills on local merchants. The Government Secret Service was notified and will send a representative for them.

### Breaks Her Neck.

Carlisle.—Mrs. Martin Wolf, of Mount Holly Springs, this county, while standing on a box picking grapes at her home, fell to the ground and broke her neck, dying instantly.

### Loses Finger, But Wins.

Chester.—In attempting to catch a hot liner while playing second base for the North End Keystone baseball team against the Kestons Juniors in the upper section of the city, Stephen Dowrick, Jr., aged 14 years, had the middle finger of his right hand broken off short at the second joint, dropping at the feet of the boy, who held on to the ball, tagged his man, who was stealing to second, retiring the side and making the score 8 to 7, in favor of the North Enders. Then young Dowrick picked the piece of finger off the ground, put it in his pocket and ran home.

### Sportsmen Choose Officers.

Pottstown.—At the closing session of the first annual State camp of the United Sportsmen of Pennsylvania at Collegeville, these officers were elected: President, Howland A. Chase, Philadelphia; vice president, Oscar C. Thompson, Harrisburg; treasurer, J. W. Criswell, Philadelphia; recording secretary, Phil D. Davis, Pottstown; corresponding secretary, William E. Meehan, Philadelphia; Harry E. Trumbauer, of Royersford, was awarded the silver trophy cup, breaking 92 out of a hundred targets.

### Convicted Of Arson.

Carlisle.—A verdict of guilty was rendered by Cumberland County Jury here against Charles Sheaffer, and Harry Martin, charged with burning at different times the large local manufacturing establishments known as the Axle Work and the Carlisle Manufacturing Company's frog shops, which caused the loss of over \$200,000.

### Physician Acquitted.

Pottsville.—Prosecuted by the county medical society because he is not registered as a physician by the State Medical Council, although he is practicing as a physician, a jury acquitted Dr. C. C. Gallagher, of Coaldale. It was admitted that Gallagher has not passed a State examination, although he has a diploma from the Atlantic Medical College. He is a dentist and claimed the right to practice on that score.

### Dies Of Lockjaw.

Huntingdon.—Andrew J. Tyson, a well known contractor of this county, died of lockjaw, aged 68. A week ago, while working on a house at Barree Station, he fell from the roof and received the injuries which resulted in his death. A few weeks ago his son, Station Agent, of Barree, was accidentally killed by falling under the wheels of a Pennsylvania freight train.

### Rope Breaks, Miner Dead.

Shenandoah.—A rope broke on No. 5 slope at Kohlnoor colliery as a dozen mine workers were on their way up after finishing their work for the day. Two wagons dashed down the slope at a terrific speed, doing great damage and instantly killing Timothy Ferguson, aged 23 years, and the mule he drove. The twelve men had a miraculous escape.

### Fighting 'King Credit.'

Bangor.—All the merchants of Bangor, East Bangor, Penargyl, Nazareth, Slatington, Allentown and Easton were represented in a district convention at Penargyl and were addressed by State Organizer Rittenhouse at a meeting there on the subject of "King Credit." The merchants' next step is to do business on a cash basis, they say.

### Crushed To Death.

York.—Lester Phillips, 22 years old, was crushed to death at New Holland, when six tons of rock fell from the side of a quarry in which he was working. Two other workmen had narrow escapes from death. At the time of the accident Phillips, with several workmen was drilling a hole preparatory to a blast. He had no warning of the danger from overhead and was unable to escape.

### Station Burned.

Doylestown.—Chalfonte station was destroyed by fire of a mysterious origin. It is believed by the authorities that thieves started the blaze to cover all traces of their work. The station has been robbed several times before.

### Falling Coal Kills Miner.

Shenandoah.—John Sakalowski, aged 40, an experienced contract miner, was instantly killed by a fall of coal at the William Penn colliery.

### Pastor A Census Supervisor.

Lewistown.—George Joseph, a clergyman, has been appointed census supervisor of the Thirteenth Pennsylvania District, in which his ministerial work during the past thirty years has chiefly been reported.

### Insane From Cigarettes.

Pottsville.—Smoking for some time past from twelve to fifteen packs of cigarettes a day, George Butta, aged 26, went crazy here and was committed to prison, violently insane. Butta labors under the hallucination that he has been followed by scores of women and regiments of soldiers.

### New Industries For Easton.

Easton.—At the monthly meeting of the Easton Board of Trade it was announced that two new industries had been secured for this city, one a laxative manufacturing plant, the other a leather belt industry. Joseph M. Hackett has donated the land for the two industries. It was announced also that the committee appointed for the purpose had raised \$455,000 of the half million guarantee fund that the board will create to aid in establishing industries here.

### After Firebugs.

York.—Eight cows and five horses, together with crops, were destroyed in a fire at Leganstown. The blaze was of incendiary origin and started in the barn of William Lehman, a few miles from the scene of the fire a week ago, when the stables of William Wolf were destroyed. That fire bugs are at work in this section of the county is the belief of farmers, who are watching with guns for a visit of the incendiaries. The loss sustained by Mr. Lehman is about \$4,000.

### How He Won Her.

"Nettie," cried the enamored young man, "I love you and would go to the world's end for you." "Oh, no, you wouldn't," James," retorted the sweet girl graduate. "The world, or the earth, as it is called, is round like a ball; therefore it has no end." "Yes, I know," continued the young man, "but what I meant was that I'd do anything to please you. Ah, dearest, if you knew the aching void!" "Now I am surprised, James," interrupted the s. g. "Nature abhors a vacuum, and there is no such thing as a void; but admitting that there could be such a thing, how could the void you speak of be void if there was an ache in it?" "Oh, well," rejoined the young man, "at least I've the cash and property amounting to nearly \$100,000, and I want you to be my wife." "So, there," rejoined the fair one without a moment's hesitation, "since you put it in that light, I haven't the heart to refuse you. Let the wedding bells ring without unnecessary delay."

### All Imagination.

Berk, aged four, insisted on running off to play with a little girl his age. His mother told him that a dog might bite him if he didn't stay at home. He answered he would hit the dog with a stick. "Yes," said his mother, "but you had no stick." Berk replied: "And there wasn't any dog either."—The Delineator for October.

### Dogs, horses, cattle, mice and even fish suffer from cancer.

### Organized Thought.

Today there is no such thing as organized thought. The thought of the world is a jumble, a mass of unsystematized mental effort, with no meaning, no sequence, no end, no deliberate result. It should not be so. It can be changed. We have organized thought, and that thought can be moral, healthful, cheerful, beautiful, successful. The world should have the benefit of this truth. It is high time. The United States is in a position to begin and within a generation or two, yes, in 10 years, some pretty plain indications will assure us that by organizing thought we have added to the joy, peace and prosperity of our country. Thought is a definite force. It has been ascertained if there is any way to avail oneself of it for one's advantage. We can. The average thought of the people today is what we may call desultory, casual, without any special aim and utterly out of harmony.—Cora Linn Daniels, in September Nautlius

### He Knew.

Jinks—I read an article yesterday which said that in proportion to the size of the body the mosquito has a better developed brain than the average man. Blinks—More than likely. Even at its smallest size the mosquito is almost as big a bore as some men I know.

In the list of the imports of this country bananas stand twenty-fourth in point of value.

### Poor Woman.

"I am so sorry for Mrs. Fille," says the lady with the display of coral rings. "She is so unhappy since she came home from her summer trip. You know she left her husband at home alone all summer." "Ah!" significantly breathes the lady with the two-dollar barrette. "And did he carouse around and do things he shouldn't? These men!" "That's why she is unhappy," explains the other lady. "He behaved himself, and she was so in hopes she might have a chance to get a divorce this fall."

### Bobby's Philosophy.

Bobby's father and mother were dressing to go to the theatre and the youth was greatly distressed because he was not to be included in the party. "Why can't I go, too?" he whimpered. "For a very good reason," returned his father sharply. "I only bought two seats." "Just think," said Bobby, trying to stifle his tears. "If you hadn't married mother I might have gone along all right!"—Brooklyn Life.

### Breaking The Sabbath.

MacDougall—You're an awfully light sight to see on the Sabbath, Angus! Angus—And what awfully light sight do ye see, MacDougall? MacDougall—There's the Archie an' his lass smiling an' hurrying as if it was a weekday, just.—Punch.

Alaska has 4,600 miles of waterways navigable for steamers, of which about 3,700 miles are included in the Yukon River and its tributaries.

### ODDS AND ENDS.

St. Petersburg is to spend \$50,000,000 on sanitary improvements. Of the \$25 gondolas in Venice, 250 belong to private parties. A 400-pound halibut was recently displayed in London. During the year 1908 the telephone was adopted on 2,357 miles of railroad. The condition of the Cologne Cathedral is again causing serious apprehension. Miss Hilda Martindale has been made senior inspector of factories for Ireland. The importation of precious stones into India amounts to about \$4,940,000 annually. Evidence has been found that tobacco was cultivated in German gardens as early as 1570. People with an income of \$1,000 to \$3,000 a year live in far more convenient houses in America than in England. The St. John's River in Florida is the only navigable river in the country that flows in a generally northerly direction into an ocean.

### Had Her Measure.

Henderson—Doesn't your wife find the telephone in your house a great convenience? Henpeck—Yes. But she doesn't like it half as much as she thought she would. You see, when she's using it, she has to listen half the time.

### Artificial silk manufactured by a new patent process is one of the new specialties from England to America, and apparently a growing one.

### Why Living Is High.

One reason why living is high is because we are in an era of rising prices, world wide and apparently progressive to get greater heights. Scholars attribute this to increased gold production, multiplied demands of prosperity and a reckless spirit that does not count the cost of any indulgence that one can afford. Another reason why the cost of living is high is because we live high. The rigid economies and systematic self-denials of former days are not now practiced; are not, indeed, necessary, even to those who amass wealth from most modest beginnings. On the other hand, lavish expenditure is the rule, and the budget of the average family discloses many forms of outlay that were unknown or labored a generation ago. In the main this is well enough. It is all the accompaniment of progress and better standards of living in spite of our increased outlays. Men get richer and get rich more quickly than they could possibly do 40 years ago. So the high cost of living is not reducing us to poverty or depriving us of our comfort.

### Not In His Line.

"How do I look this evening?" queried the woman who was fishing for a compliment. "Don't ask me," replied the mere man, who was nothing if not practical. "Consult an oculist."—Chicago News.

Town ships approximately 100,000,000 pounds of butter outside its borders every year, the surplus produced over and above the home consumption.

# Pass the Word Along

It won't cost you a penny to reach out a helping hand to a great army of honest, hard-working and deserving men and women. Just your moral support will insure work, a living, and comforts which are now either partly or wholly denied them. How so? Come on, let's have a look. You've often been importuned and many have been commanded by advertisement or otherwise to "refuse to buy anything unless it bears the union label." Looks harmless on its face, doesn't it? It really is a "demand" that you boycott the products made by over 80 per cent. of our American workmen and women, who decline to pay fees to, and obey the dictates of the union leaders.

It demands that you ask the merchant for articles with the "union label," thus to impress him with its importance. It seeks to tell you what to buy and what to refuse. The demands are sometimes most insolent, with a "holier than thou" impudence. It demands that you take away the living of this 80 per cent. of American workmen and women. Is that clear? Why should a small body of workmen ask you to help starve the larger body? There must be some reason for the "union label" scheme. Run over in your mind and remember how they carry on their work.

During a discussion about working or striking in the coal regions, about 25,000 men preferred to work, they had wives and babies to feed. The union men said openly in their convention that if their employers didn't discharge those men they (the union men) would kill them. So they dynamited about a dozen homes, maimed and crippled women and children and brutally assaulted scores of these independent workers. The big boys of the union men were taught to pound the school children of the independent men. How would you like to have your little girl shortly grown from the toddling baby who used to sit on your lap and love "Daddy" pounded by some big bullies on her way home from the school where she had gone to try and please Daddy by learning to read?

The little bruised face and body would first need tender care while you ponder the inscription writ deep in your heart, by that Master and Guide to all human compassion, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren ye have done it unto Me." Then perhaps you would drop to your knees and pray Almighty God for strength in your right arm to strike one manly and powerful blow for baby's sake, even if you went to death for it. Helpless children were brought home, with faces black or bleeding from the blows and kicks of these fiends, teaching independent Americans that they must stop work when told and kick out the leaders of "labor." Thousands of men, women and children have been treated thus. From somewhere, Oh, Father of us all, we try to believe that You look with pitying eyes upon these brutal blows, cuts and scars on the many human bodies made in your likeness and image. They are beautifully and wonderfully made, each the dwelling place of a Divine Soul. Is it Your wish that they be crushed by iron shod heels, cut by knives or torn asunder by bullets and dynamite?

May we venture to think that a long suffering patience is extended in the hope that the men and women of America may some day wake to a realization of the awful cruelties perpetrated by this spirit of oppression and that they will some time learn the lesson that the "sacred gift of human freedom and liberty" was given by God and must be defended even to death itself. Our forefathers were used by the Infinite God to establish our freedom in 1776, and our fathers gave freely of their blood and treasure to establish the freedom of the black. Now again it seems we are called upon to protect our brothers and ourselves from that old time spirit of tyranny which comes up from time to time to force people to obey tyrannous rules and bend the knee of the slave.

In Wellston, Ohio, thirty Americans sought employment in a factory. They were seeking to earn food for their families. They were bombarded by rocks and pounded with clubs in the hands of union men. One of the injured, John Brannihan, was taken to the city hospital with a broken jaw, crushed skull and other cuts and bruises. He was the father of two children, and was thought to be dying. Perhaps he did. I don't know, but I sometimes wonder what the children said to Mother when "Pappy" didn't come home, and how they and the little woman got any food, and how they could place their wrongs before their own American fellows. Mayhap sometime some kind person will equip a home where the orphans and widows of the victims of the Labor Trust may be cared for and fed.

It would take a big home. It has been said there were 31 Americans, many of them fathers, killed in one strike, (the teamsters in Chicago) and over 5000 maimed, many for life. That's only one "lesson" of these bullies. There are literally thousands of cases wherein your fellow American has been assaulted, maimed or killed by these men. The same work is going on day by day. Suppose you make a practice of picking out each day from the papers, accounts of brutality to American workmen who prefer to work free from the impudence and tyranny of self constituted leaders (?) than to be always subject to their beck and call, pay them fees and be told by them when and where to work, and for whom. You will discover the same general conditions underlying all these daily attacks.

In every case the workman prefers to be free. He has that right. He then tries to go to work. He and his family sorely need the money for food. He wouldn't run the risk of his life. Many such a man has wiped the tears away and quieted the fears of a loving wife, left with a kiss on her lips, set his manly jaw and walked into a shower of stones and bullets to win food for the loved mother and babies. A good many have been brought home on stretchers with blood oozing from nose and ears, some cold, while some gradually recover, and carry for life the grim marks of the "union label."

They are your fellows, my friends, and yet you supinely read the accounts and say "too bad." Have you grown so calloused that you care nothing for the sufferings of these men who need food and these helpless ones who rely on the life and strength of husband and father? Let us hope that soon you may be moved by a just God to rise in your might and by voice and pen, by vote and right arm you will do a man's part in protecting yourselves and your brothers from this onslaught on American citizens. This cruel warfare is carried on not always to raise wages, but to establish union control, kick out the independent men and establish the "label."

Unfortunately the "Labor movement" which started many years ago honestly enough, has fallen under control of a lot of tyrannical, vicious "men of violent tendencies." There are too many to attempt to name. You can recall them. They include men who have planned the murders of miners, teamsters, pressmen and carpenters, shoemakers and independent workmen of all kinds. Many of them have escaped hanging by an outraged public only because they were terror stricken and dared not convict them. Some have been punished slightly and some, including the principal officers of this nefarious crew are now under sentences to imprisonment but have any means for the work.

Right here some apologist rises to protest against "speaking thus of laboring men." Bless your dear heart, it isn't the honest and real workman who does these things, it is the excitable ones and the toughs and thugs who don't work except with their mouths, but have secured control of too many unions. I don't even attempt to specify the criminal acts these persons have assisted or winked at in their plan for destroying free workmen and forcing men to stay in the "union" and hence under their control. The newspapers for the past 7 years contain almost daily accounts of the criminal, lawless and tyrannical acts against American citizens and haven't told half the tale. Right here it becomes necessary to say for the ten thousandth time that there are scores of honest, law-abiding union men who deplore and are in no way responsible for the long infamous record of the "Labor Trust" under its present management, but they don't seem to stop it. The men who manage, who pull the strings and guide the policy have made the record and it stands, as made by them. Examine, if you please, the record of a string of members of the American Federation of Labor and you will view a list of crimes against Americans, stupendous beyond belief. They defy the laws, sneer at the courts, incite mobs and are avowed enemies of the peaceable citizens of all classes. This band wields an iron bar over their subjects and drives them to idleness whenever they want to call a strike or exact extra pocket money for themselves. Men don't want to be thrown out of work and lose their livelihood, but what can they do when the slugging and murdering committee stands almighty ready to "do them" if they try to work.

The poor women and helpless children suffer and no one dares present their case to the public. They must suffer in silence for they have no way to right their wrongs, while the notoriety-seeking leaders carry out their work. These men cannot thus force oppression on the weak and innocent or use them to bring newspaper notice to themselves and money to their pockets unless they can "hold them in line." Therefore, with the craft of the fox and venom of the serpent they devise the "union label" and tell the public to buy only articles carrying that label. Smooth scheme isn't it? They extract a fee from every union man, and in order to get these monthly fees, they must hold the workers in the "union" and force manufacturers to kick out all independent men. Can anyone devise a more complete and tyrannical trust? If allowed full sway, no independent man could keep working in a free factory, for the goods wouldn't sell, no matter how perfectly they were made. Then, when the factory has been forced to close and the employees get hungry enough from lack of wages the workers must supplicate the union leaders to be "allowed" to pay their fines (for not becoming members before) and pay their monthly fees to the purse-fat managers of the Labor Trust. Thereupon (under orders) before the factory be allowed to start they must force the owners of the business to put on the "union label" or strike, picket the works, and turn themselves into slugs and criminals towards the independent workers who might still refuse to bend the knee and bow the head. In the meantime babies and mothers go hungry and shoeless, but who cares. The scheming leaders are trained to talk of the "uplifting of labor" and shed tears when they speak of the "brotherhood of man," meaning the brotherhood of the "Skinny Maddens," "Sheas," "Gompers," et al., always excluding the medium or high-grade independent workers. Perhaps you have noticed lately that the makers of the finest hats, shoes and other articles have stopped putting on the union label. Naturally the Labor Trust managers have ordered their dupes to strike, lie idle, scrap, fight, slug and destroy property to force the makers to again put on the "label." But for some reason the buying public has been aroused to the insults and oppression behind it, and in thousands of cases have refused to buy any article carrying, what some one named the "tag of servitude and oppression."

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If these poor wageworkers will thus brave fine and slugging to help out other men who seek to live a free life under our laws and constitution cannot you, reader, help a little? Will you reach out a hand to help an independent workman earn food for his wife and babies? Or will you from apathy and carelessness allow him to be thrown out of work and the helpless suffer until they prostrate themselves before this stupendous and tyrannical aggregation of scoundrels upon honest American labor? The successor of Henry Ward Beecher in Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, says: "Union labor hatred for labor burns like a flame, eats like nitric acid, is malignant beyond all description. But the other day, a woman representing a certain union visited many families in Plymouth Church asking them to boycott a certain institution. \* \* \* Alas, this union woman's hatred for non-union women burned in her like the fires of hell." She was pitilessly, relentlessly and tirelessly pursuing the non-union women and men to destroy the market for goods, to ruin their factory and to starve them out. In the French Revolution only 2 per cent. of the French people believed in violence. The 98 per cent. disclaimed violence and yet the 98 per cent. allowed the 2 per cent. to fill the streets of Paris with festering corpses, to clog the Seine with dead bodies, to shut up every factory in Paris, until the laboring classes starved by the score. The small per cent. element in the Labor Trust which hates and seeks to destroy the large per cent. of independent Americans sends out letters declaring "free" industries unfair and tries to boycott their products. If they could blind every one it would bring suffering upon hundreds of thousands, immeasurable ruin upon the country, and land it absolutely under control of the men now attempting to dictate the daily acts of our people and extract from each a monthly fee. There are babies, children, women and honest, hard-working and skillful fathers who rely upon the protection of their fellows, when they seek to sell their labor where they choose, when they choose, and for a sum they believe it to be worth. Every citizen having the rights, privileges and protection of a citizen has also the responsibility of a citizen. The Labor Trust leaders may suavely "request" (or order those they can) to buy only "union label" articles, and you can of course obey if you are under orders. Depend upon it, the creatures of the Labor Trust will, upon reading this, visit stores and threaten dire results unless all the things bear "the label." They go so far as to have their women pretend to buy things, order yards of silk or cloth torn off and various articles wrapped up and then discover "no label," and refuse them. That's been done hundreds of times and is but one of the petty acts of hatred and tyranny. Let no one who reads this article understand that he or she is asked to boycott any product whether it bears a "union label" or not. One has a constitutional right to examine the article and see whether its makers are Labor Trust contributors and slaves or are free and independent Americans.

I have tried to tell you something about those who are oppressed, vilified, hated, and when opportunity offers are attacked because they prefer to retain their own independent American manhood. These men are in the vast majority and include the most skillful artisans in the known world. They have wives and babes dependent on them. These men are frequently oppressed and have no way to make their wrongs known. They are worthy of defense. That's the reason for the expenditure of a few thousands of dollars to send this message to the American people. Remember, I didn't say my "excuse" for sending it. The cause needs no "excuse." C. W. POST, Battle Creek, Mich.

N. B. "parlor socialist" who knows nothing of the Russian Charnism of the great Labor Trust will ask right here: "Don't you believe in the right

of certain workmen to 'organize'?" Oh, yes, brother, when real workmen manage wisely and peacefully, but I would challenge the right of even a church organization when its affairs had been seized by a motley crew of heartless, vicious men who stopped industries, incited mobs to attack citizens and destroy property in order to establish their control of communications and affairs, and subject every one to their orders and exact the fees. When you see work of this kind being done call on or write the prosecuting officers of your district and demand procedure under the Sherman anti-trust law, and prosecution for conspiracy and restraint of trade. We have the law, but the politicians and many of our officers even while drawing pay from the people are afraid to enforce it in protection of our citizens, and now the big Labor Trust is moving heaven and earth to repeal the law so their nefarious work may be more safely carried on. But you. Why don't you strike out and demand defense for your fellows? Put your prosecuting officers to the test and insist that they do their sworn duty, and protest to your Congressmen and legislators against the repeal of the Sherman Anti-Trust law. Its repeal is being pushed by the Labor Trust and some big capital trusts in order to give each more power to oppress. Do your duty and protest. In this great American Republic every one must be jealous of the right of individual liberty and always and ever resent the attempts made to gain power for personal aggrandizement. Only the poor fool allows his liberty to be wrested from him. Some one asks "how about your own workmen?" I didn't intend to speak of my own affairs, but so long as the question is almost sure to be asked I don't mind telling you. The Postum workers are about a thousand strong, men and women, and don't belong to labor unions. The Labor Trust has at times without numbers, sent "organizers" with money to give "smokers," etc., and had their "orators" declaim the "brotherhood of man" business, and cry salty tears describing the fearful conditions of the "slaves of capital" and all that. But the "confidence game" never worked, for the decent and high grade Postum workers receive 10 per cent. over the regular wage scale. They are the highest paid, richest and best grade of working people in the State of Michigan and I believe in the United States. They mostly own their own homes, and good ones. Their wages come 52 weeks in a year and are never stopped on the order of some paid agent of the Labor Trust. They have savings accounts in the banks, houses of their own and steady work at high wages. They like their daily occupation in the works (come and ask them) and are not slaves, and yet the Labor Trust leaders have done their best to ruin the sale of their products and force them into idleness and poverty. It would cost the workmen of Battle Creek (our people and about 3000 others) from \$1000.00 to \$2000.00 a month in fees to send out to the leaders of the Labor Trust, if they would allow themselves to become "organized" and join the Trust. Not for them, they keep the money, school the children and live "free." That's some comfort for white people. Once in a while one of the little books "The Road to Wellville," we put in the pocket of Postum, Grape-Nuts and Post Toasties, is sent back to us with a sticker pasted across it saying "Returned because it don't bear the union label." Then we join hands and sing a hymn of praise for the discovering by some one that our souls are not seared with the guilt of being conspirators to help bind the chains of slavery upon fellow Americans by placing added power in the hands of the largest, most oppressive and harmful trust the world has ever seen. When you seek to buy something look for the "union label" and speak your sentiments. That's an opportunity to reach out a helping hand to the countless men and women in all kinds of industry who brave bricks, stones and bullets, to maintain the American manhood and freedom by making the finest goods in America and which do not bear the seal of industrial slavery, the "Union Label."