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## THE WORKINGMAN.

The Trades and Labor Council of Toronto, Canada, is considering a proposition to establish a daily paper. The American Federation of Labor has increased its membership over 250,000 during the present year. Ninety per cent. of the cigar makers at Spokane, Wash., have gone out of the business, owing to the bad conditions of the trade in that city.

The Fall River, Mass., textile workers have made a demand for an increase of 10 per cent. in wages to go into effect December 11.

Chicago piano workers involved in the present lockout in the trade in that city, will start a co-operative plant, a building for the purpose having been secured. Stock to the amount of \$100,000 will be issued.

Nearly 200 city employes at Baltimore, Md., were discharged previous to the late election because they declined to pay assessments to the Republican campaign committee.

The Kimberley diamond mines pay \$10,000,000 a year profit on a nominal capital of double that sum.

The machinery of Philadelphia are arranging for making a united stand for the nine-hour day on May 1, 1900.

The nine-hour workday went into effect in the Dayton, Ohio, book and job printing offices on the 21st. About 400 men were benefited by the change.

A statistician finds that no less than \$1 automobile companies have been chartered in this country, having an aggregate capitalization of \$400,000,000.

In London the various underground electric systems for rapid transit now in course of construction involve the expenditure of about \$100,000,000 for their completion.

Wyoming papers predict that the town of Hartville in that state will become a second Pittsburgh, owing to the rapid development of its hematite ore beds, which are the largest in the world.

Mayor Depmit, of Erie, Penn., says he will not hold as a vagrant any man who can produce a current "working card" form any union, as its possession is prima facie evidence the man cannot be a vagrant.

The employing printers of Connecticut agreed to grant compositors, pressmen, bookbinders, &c., the nine-hour day, beginning November 21.

The number of Italian laborers in Swiss cities is growing so large that serious conflicts with native workmen are feared in the near future.

It is stated in Boston that the American Steel and Wire Trust has engaged freight tonnage to the extent of 3,000 tons per month for the coming year from Boston alone for the exportation of coiled wire and nails.

Cigar manufacturers have formed a trust, whose yearly output is figured at 180,000,000 cigars. Speaking of this combine the Cigar Makers' Journal says: "Every one of the firms in the combine is nonunion, and nearly all employ cheap labor and machines."

St. Louis, Mo., has been favored in the past few months with the location there of an iron and steel plant, an independent tobacco factory, a \$500,000 elevator and cold storage plant, a cement works and a china factory.

The Atlanta Constitution says that in the course of a very few months South Carolina in the number of looms and spindles in its cotton mills will stand next to Massachusetts as a cotton manufacturing state. The day is already in sight when all the cotton grown in South Carolina will be manufactured in its own mills.

The Building Trades Council and the Builders' Exchange, of Louisville, Ky., have adopted working rules that will be in operation until May 1, 1900, which provide for a nine-hour workday, overtime at the rate of time and one-half and a minimum wage of \$2 per day.

The Building Trades Council of St. Louis and its affiliated unions have appointed a committee to devise ways and means looking to the erection of a labor temple in that city. The building will be erected on the co-operative plan, the stock to be taken by the trades unions exclusively.

The Carpenters' Union of Dallas, Texas, one of the strongest organizations in the state, has notified the contractors that on and after May 1 next it will demand the eight-hour day.

Michigan has a new law similar to the Missouri ordinance, requiring the licensing of barbers, but it is superior to the Missouri law in that it affects all towns of 10,000 inhabitants and over, while in Missouri cities under 50,000 are exempt.

An Arizona inventor has patented a gun stock which is in two sections, the butt portion being recessed to receive the front section with a traverse pivot to connect the two, allowing the stock and barrel to be adjusted to suit the user.

The forthcoming report of the Ohio Inspector of Mines will show that the average monthly wages of pick miners in 1898 was \$20.20, machines loaders, \$19.80, and machine runners \$34.98.

Photo-engravers in New York are still complaining that convicts in the Elmira Prison are taught photo-engraving and thereby a state law is being violated, while honest workmen are kept out of employment thereby.

## THE FARMER.

The Supreme Court of Oregon has decided that a mortgage on a flock of sheep does not entitle the mortgagee to the wool that may be taken off unless this is specifically provided for in the body of the mortgage.

Two thousand calves from Mexico were recently unloaded at Iowa City. The shipment made a full train, which was twice unloaded en route so that the young animals could have the necessary feed, rest, and exercise.

It is said one of the large packing companies has completed arrangements for embarking the business of separating the whites and yolks of eggs, canning them separately, freezing them and placing them on the market for use by bakers.

The wheat crop of Great Britain, according to recent returns, will average thirty-three bushels per acre for 1899. The previous year the average was thirty-five bushels per acre. This more than doubles the yield per acre in the United States.

The Department of Animal Husbandry of the University of Illinois has recently secured by purchase and by loan some fine specimens of the Dorset and Oxford breeds of sheep. These animals will be used by the department for purposes of class study.

## Wall Street Tactics.

Wall street has found out that the public is indignant over the pouring of \$25,000,000 of government funds into the centre of speculation to inflate stock exchange values, and it is sending out reasons why the treasury was justified in doing it. The main reason given is the inelastic rules of the national banking system, which prevent the banks coming to the relief of the country by increasing their note issues, but it is a gross misrepresentation of the facts. The national banks as a whole are as much adverse to a large permanent volume of circulating paper money as Wall street is, and they themselves prove that they are.

On the very day, and every day since, that Secretary Gage threw \$25,000,000 on Wall street to "relieve the stringency" the national banks of New York were nearly \$30,000,000 below their authorized maximum note issue, and the banks of the whole country were \$350,000,000 below that point. That is to say, the New York national banks could have added \$30,000,000 to their note issue in forty-eight hours, and the national banks of the country could increase their note issue by \$350,000,000.

But the national banks of the country relieved the money market by issuing notes there would have been no occasion to start a scheme to deplete the treasury reserve and force the government to issue another batch of bonds later on.

If congress is going to do any work on the monetary system, it should enact a law obliging national banks to keep their note issue up to 90 per cent. of their capital, as they have the right to do. It is nonsense to charter a bank and allow it to retire its volume of notes down to 10 per cent. of its capital whenever it wants to. With such power to create a plethora or stringency in the money market lodged in the note issuing banks, it is not surprising that the volume of money should be subjected to violent fluctuations, nor will the channels of commerce be safe from Wall street manipulators until such legislation as suggested is had. It is true the secretary of the treasury had the power to refuse to respond to Wall street's call for \$25,000,000, which he should have done, and throw the responsibility of a stringency upon the banks, but that was not the game the street and the bankers were playing. As a matter of fact, there was no stringency, but the throwing of \$25,000,000 on the street would inflate share values. The country always dabbles in stocks on a rising market, and the country will own millions of shares by the time the \$25,000,000 is used up. And then the street will buy back the country's holdings when the "reaction" has set in to the bottom. It is an old game, and this is not the first time the nation's treasury has helped Wall street to fleece the country.—Kansas City Times.

## The Home of the Trusts.

When a reckless partisan makes an attack on the party it opposes, says the Cleveland Plain Dealer, a little matter like the photograph is not trouble it. For instance, one of that class of papers in Cleveland yesterday said that "The homes of the trusts are in New Jersey, Delaware and West Virginia—states whose laws are made by Democrats." A slight acquaintance with current political history might have saved the thrice-mentioned organ from the return of the wasp on his own party. The lawmaking power of all three of those states is in the hands of Republicans. New Jersey is represented in the United States Senate by two Republicans, and the present legislature of the state has strong Republican majorities in both branches. West Virginia is represented in the senate by two Republicans, and the present legislature is Republican. Delaware has a Republican legislature, and the fact that one seat in the United States Senate is vacant is wholly due to a split among the republican majorities in both branches. West Virginia is represented in the senate by two Republicans, and the present legislature is Republican. Delaware has a Republican legislature, and the fact that one seat in the United States Senate is vacant is wholly due to a split among the republican majorities in both branches. West Virginia is represented in the senate by two Republicans, and the present legislature is Republican. Delaware has a Republican legislature, and the fact that one seat in the United States Senate is vacant is wholly due to a split among the republican majorities in both branches.

## For Wage Earners.

If any one doubts the tendency of trusts to spread their protecting wings over all the civilized world, and lacks imagination enough to see that the working populations of five or six great nations are thereby likely to become employees of a hundred or fewer globe-circling industrial combines, he has only to read the testimony of John W. Gates, of the American Steel and Wire Company, before the Industrial Commission at Washington, to be ruthlessly undeceived.

Perhaps when iron and steel, cotton goods, woolen goods, leather goods, tobacco and other leading lines of manufactures are "syndicated" throughout the world, the wage earner will begin to realize what is meant by government by industries, by and with consent of the governed—or otherwise.—Paterson Guardian.

## The Carter Outrage.

Eagan and Carter.—The lawyers have invented a new quibble which they hope will keep Carter out of prison. They contend that as the court has sentenced him to dismissal from the army he is no longer subject to military authority, and hence that the courtmartial's sentence of imprisonment is void. But the precedents are all against the quibble. In the latest case—Eagan's—in which an officer was sentenced to dismissal from the army for "conduct unbecoming to an officer and a gentleman," the President, so far from holding the contract to be beyond military jurisdiction, although he approved the finding and sentence, changed the punishment to one of six years' furlough on full pay, with honorable retirement at the end of the term.—N. Y. Verdict.

## Exploit Private Grabs.

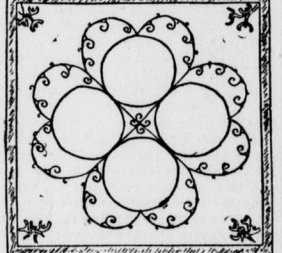
The Commissioner of Navigation, Mr. Chamberlain, uses his office to put out a stirring plea for Mark Hanna's bill to present \$9,000,000 a year to our languishing shipbuilders, who have to turn away orders, and pending the passage of the Hanna grab, are organizing a trust to put up prices. In no other civilized nation are statistical and scientific departments intended for the supply of accurate information given over to figure jugglers for the exploitation of political and private jobs and grabs.—New York World.

## CHRISTMAS WORK.

### How Some Useful and Pretty Presents May Be Made.

This is the season when Christmas novelties are displayed in their most attractive forms, says Edith Chester in the Country Gentleman. Distracting little trifles are found in the windows and on the counters. Both needle and pen have cunningly worked to render even more fascinating the numerous articles that are destined to find their way, ere many weeks elapse, into the houses of young and old. Skilled hand labor always finds a large circle of admirers, and those who are adept in the use of needle, brush or pen have it in their power to gladden the hearts of friends at slight expense. Among so many bewitching novelties it cannot but be hard to choose, and the few ideas here offered are mere suggestions that the ready brain of the artist can easily supplement.

A case for the paper of pins that should hang by the side of every bureau and dressing table may be readily fashioned by covering two pieces of



(Photograph Frame.)

pasteboard, 5 inches long by 1 1/2 inches wide, with linen, upon which holly, with its green leaves and red berries, has been embroidered. One side of the case should be 2 inches wide, so that the pins can be easily extracted. A few stitches at the back hold the two sides of the case together, and a strip of bright red ribbon, half an inch wide, holds the paper of pins securely in place. The ribbon should be tied into bows at each end, with one extra long loop by which to suspend this useful gift. Of course, the paper of pins may be used at any time.

The up-to-date photograph frame is of heavy cardboard, about the edge of which a narrow strip of dark gray or green paper has been pasted. Four hearts, pointing to the centre of the cardboard, each with a circular piece cut out of the photograph to be seen, makes an attractive design for such a frame. A few sprays of mistletoe sketched in each corner is all that is necessary to give a seasonable touch to this gift. Of course a square of cardboard should be glued to the back, with openings at the top for the insertion of the picture.

Crepe paper is a thing of the past, and its devotees have been obliged to resort to cardboard, or what is better known as egg-shell paper. Candle shades can be made of this, and are very pretty when delicately gilded. Little scrap pictures on the outside, and surrounded by gilded wreaths, form an attractive addition.

Bright Christmas tree ornaments are made by dividing the shells of English walnuts in half, gilding the outside and filling them with cotton. Upon this cotton bed we baby dollies, that have been dressed in lace and ribbons, are placed, and the half shells are then tied together with narrow ribbons.

## Household Hints.

Silk dresses should never be brushed, but should be carefully rubbed with an old piece of velvet kept specially for the purpose.

A nice steam presser can be made of a short length of curtain pole or broom handle. Select a piece ten or twelve inches long, pad it with flannel and cover with old muslin. Good for waist or sleeve seams.

Properly cooked kidneys are very healthy, but as they are usually cooked they are very indigestible. No meat requires more skill to cook properly. They need to be cooked like an egg. Too much cooking is worse than too little. They harden and become indigestible. Five minutes cooking is better than ten or fifteen, if sliced.

A delicate and nourishing dish for an invalid is this: Beat the egg white in a cup of milk; beat the white of one egg slightly, add one tablespoonful of sugar and a few grains of salt. Combine the mixtures very carefully, add a few drops of vanilla and strain into a buttered custard cup. Bake in a pan of hot water under firm, not allowing the water in the pan to boil.

## In the Butterfly Business.

Mary Yeomans, an English woman, now resident of California, is developing a profitable industry in catching butterflies. She had some knowledge of butterflies when she went to the Pacific slope. One day a flock of Pansy-like butterflies hovered a moment over her and then flew up the mountain side. She thought she recognized a species only known in the higher Alps, which are very rare and consequently valuable. She followed these honey-loving beauties up the mountain and captured a goodly number of them. She copied in the water color and sent the sketch to London. After a considerable wait she received word to send the butterflies, for which she received for the twenty-five \$75. Miss Yeomans has a nursery for beetles in her cellar. Dr. Le Fontain, who came from France to study the insects of California, taught Miss Yeomans much about insects and was most enthusiastic over her enterprise. Miss Yeomans finds great demand for beetles as well as butterflies.

## Victoria's New Tea House.

England's Queen intends to add one more to the list of tea houses on the Balmoral estate. Each of these retreats is decorated to represent some particular country. For instance there is "India," which is furnished with bamboo and Indian matting while "China" is decorated with celestial emblems in beautiful colorings. The new tea house is to be "America," and will be put up in readiness for next year.



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