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ARE AFTER DAVIS' SCALP

Helena Citizens' Alliance Wants Him Discharged for Discriminating Against Scabs.

The Helena Citizens' Alliance is after the scalp of Rees Davis, member of the A. L. U. executive board, because he prevented a scab teamster from hauling goods from the capitol, where Brother Davis is employed. Rees Davis has been a resident of this state for many years, and has always been active in union work. In some parts of the state it is easy to be a union man. In other parts it is not. Rees Davis has stood by his colors always, regardless of the consequence. If the Citizens' Alliance imagine they can control his actions or utterances they do not know the man. If the bad lands bookkeepers, stud poker boosters, divorce detectives and pin-headed business men who constitute the majority of the Citizens' Alliance are to receive more consideration with state authorities than is accorded the organized workmen of the state, we may expect to see Davis' head on a charger and a long-winded fulmination ala Teddy on liberty of individual action. This, however, is improbable. Davis will retain his job even though the Chinese should join in the petition for his removal.

THE SHOE WORKERS' CONVENTION

The A. L. U. and K. of L. Locals in Massachusetts Will Meet on Sept. 27th.

A convention of a number of independent unions of shoe workers in New England will be held in the hall, 2 and 4 Gilman place, Haverhill, Mass., at 10 a. m., Sunday, Sept. 27. Independent unions in Lynn have been asked to send delegates. The unions to be represented are Cutters' assembly, 2662, E. of L.; Lynn Branch Shoe Workers' Protective union No. 2; Lasters' Protective union; Lady Stitches' assembly, 2616, K. of L.; Heel Workers' union No. 263, A. L. U.; Grain Counter Workers' union No. 261, A. L. U., with other independent organizations in the shoe trade in Lynn and vicinity.

The following call has been issued by Secretary Gideon W. Johnson: "Haverhill, Mass., September, 1903. "To the Secretary:

"Dear Sir—A convention of independent unions connected with the shoe trade, for the purpose of better protecting their interests, is to be held at the Shoe Workers' Protective union headquarters, 2 and 4 Gilman place, Haverhill, Mass., at 10 a. m., Sunday, Sept. 27, 1903. Your organization is requested to send one is elected, as soon as possible. Respectfully yours,

"GIDEON W. JOHNSON, "For Committee."

RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions of Respect. Whereas, Death has entered our midst and taken from among us our esteemed sister, Rose Clifford, it was resolved at the last meeting of Hotel and Restaurant Employes' union No. 255, that they extend to Mr. Clifford their warmest sympathy in this sad hour of bereavement; and, Resolved, That, with deep sympathy with the bereaved friends of the deceased, we express our hope that so great a loss to us all may be overruled for good by Him who doeth all things well;

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to Mr. Clifford and a copy be sent to the Great Falls Tribune and the Great Falls Leader for publication.

Hotel and Restaurant Employes' Union No. 255, Great Falls, Mont., Sept. 10, 1903.

Resolution of Thanks. Woman's Protective Union Send Testimonial of Appreciation to Great Falls Union.

To the Hotel and Restaurant Employes' Union of Great Falls, Mont., Greeting:

In remembrance of our deceased member, Sister Rose Gibb, be it Resolved by the Woman's Protective union of Butte o. 145, A. L. U., That we sincerely thank local union No. 255 of Great Falls for the honor consideration bestowed upon our deceased sister, Rose Gibb.

CALIFORNIA STATE TRADES AND LABOR CONVENTION

The California state convention of the American Labor Union and affiliated bodies met in San Francisco, Cal., on September 7. Over forty unions were represented. The sessions lasted four days. The officers elected for the ensuing term are as follows:

GENERAL OFFICERS.

President—E. G. Swift, of the Grass Valley Miners' union No. 90, W. F. of M.

First Vice-President—J. A. Smith, of Oakland U. B. of R. E. No. 12.

Second Vice-President—J. B. Fulmer, Somerville Miners' union No. 87, W. F. of M.

Secretary-Treasurer—H. G. Ilderton, San Francisco U. B. of R. E. No. 10.

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H. L. Matthews, Santa Barbara Federal, A. L. U.

M. A. Peterson, Tuolumne Federal, A. L. U.

J. E. Murray, San Francisco U. B. of R. E. No. 10.

M. C. Carsey, Stent Miners' union No. 73, W. F. of M.

I. C. Levy, of the American Labor Union.

B. G. Walker, of the U. B. of R. E., was elected permanent chairman of the convention and M. A. Peterson permanent secretary. A constitution was drafted and a number of important resolutions adopted. The constitution provides that for the present the initiative shall rest with the convention, but the referendum resides with the entire membership.

The Colorado Situation. RESOLUTION NO. 1.

Whereas, The W. F. of M. in the state of Colorado is endeavoring to establish the eight-hour day for all men working in or around mills, mines, and whereas, this eight-hour day has been approved by a referendum vote of the people of Colorado, with a mandate for its enactment into law; and

Whereas, The governor and legislature of that state have deliberately ignored the will of the people in this matter of vital interest to labor everywhere; and

Whereas, Our brothers in the Western Federation of Miners in that state have ceased work as a protest against the anarchistic refusal of the mine owners and their political tools to abide by the will of the people, be it

Resolved, That we heartily endorse and sympathize with our noble brothers in Colorado who are fighting against the oppression and greed of the employing class; and be it further

Resolved, That we call the attention of the working people of this state to the above example, which shows that the only way to get legislation favorable to the working class and have it enforced, is to elect legislatures and executives from the working class, pledged to a definite platform of labor and held strictly to that platform.

Should Vote as They March. RESOLUTION NO. 4.

Whereas, The Labor Day parades in San Francisco and Oakland which the delegates to this convention have witnessed have once more demonstrated the strength of numbers which the working class possesses; be it further

Resolved, That this convention recommends the union men to unite their forces in the ballot box and vote as they march for Socialism, there would then be no need for the worker to march on Labor Day to show the employing class their numerical strength (the only strength they now possess), but Labor Day would be a celebration of the emancipation of the working class from wage slavery, the cheap form of slavery the world ever knew.

The New Constitution of the A. L. U. RESOLUTION NO. 5.

Whereas, The newly proposed constitution of the A. L. U., Article 12, Section 1, provides that members of A. L. U. organizations may transfer from one organization to another by paying the difference in initiation fees, where such difference exists.

Be it resolved, That it is the sense of this convention that this provision should not become a part of the new constitution, but that members of one A. L. U. organization in good standing should be permitted to transfer on equal terms into any other organization of the A. L. U.

Progressive Union Men of Pacific Coast Meet and Deliberate—Resolutions Adopted Declare That Men Should Vote As They March—Together.

The Dick Military Law. RESOLUTION NO. 2.

Whereas, The congress of the United States on the 21st of January last passed a new military law providing that all able-bodied male citizens of the United States between the ages of 18 and 45 years are subject to the call of the president as regular soldiers in case of invasion or industrial disturbance, and whereas, this law also puts into the hands of the president the entire treasury of the United States, not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of equipping these men; therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of this convention that all workers everywhere should stand for political action that will result in placing in the presidential chair one of their own number on the platform of international Socialism.

C. M. Hurlbut, secretary of the board of directors of the U. B. of R. E., took the floor and addressed the meeting on the relations of capital and labor, and the impending economic crisis which he expected to come in the near future. He referred to the futility of the anthracite coal strike in Pennsylvania, on account of the lack of decided action on the

now partially or wholly suppressed or misrepresented by the Associated Press;

Resolved, That the convention urges all organized workers to give every assistance possible to building up a powerful labor press which will ever be in the forefront in advocating labor battles; and further

Resolved, That it is the sense of this convention that all merchants and manufacturers who desire the support of organized workmen and their families should advertise their wares in the labor papers and that all unionists should give their support to the merchants who so advertise.

Corporation Stock Buying.

Whereas, It may be advisable for unions affiliated with this body to own five or less shares of the capital stock of corporations employing members of the various unions; therefore be it

Resolved, That the secretary-treasurer of this body be and is hereby instructed and empowered to purchase, and hold in trust for any union affiliated with this body any capital stock of any corporation which may be designated by any affiliated union, and make such use of said

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE WORKING CLASS.

Lawlessness in uniforms is rampant in Colorado. Rapid steps are being taken toward the establishment of a military despotism, made possible by the Dick law. Like hired bullets the state troops have been turned over to the Mine Owners' Association to do its will against the miners who are striking for their homes and firesides.

Men have been dragged from their beds, officers of the unions have been hounded through the district by the hired Hessians of corrupt power. They are imprisoned without process of law; without having been charged with or having been guilty of aught save opposition to the mine owners' plans to make an industrial hell of the mining region. You who have no desire to see the constitutionally guaranteed right of free speech trampled under foot; who do not wish to see labor unions wiped out of existence and the working class reduced to a condition worse than serfdom, will rally to the support of the Western Federation of Miners in this fight. It is the mine owners against the working class. The mines in Idaho are being closed and the employes are invited to go to Cripple Creek to scab. Men are brought from the far east under false pretenses. When they learn the facts and protest against scabbing, they are awed into submission by the soldiery.

The capitalist class are bound together by their material interests. Let the working class be likewise united. Let us stand at the backs of our battling brothers with financial as well as moral support. It is our fight as well as theirs. They are simply in the vanguard of the struggle. Their defeat is ours also. If they were driven from the field it would be our lot to engage in a hand-to-hand struggle with a victorious enemy.

The atrocities of the Idaho bull peas must not be repeated on Colorado soil. The miners should have ample funds in this conflict. Let those who love freedom more than dollars come to the rescue at this crisis.

part of the commission administering; that the only remedy was the ballot box in the interests of Socialism.

The Randsburg (Cal.) Strike. RESOLUTION NO. 7.

Whereas, The Randsburg Miners' union of the Western Federation of Miners, united with the A. L. U. have ceased work, awaiting the adjustment of grievances that are just to the labor cause; therefore

We as a body extend to them our sympathy, and ask that all labor unions united with the A. L. U. render all the financial assistance necessary to sustain them during their struggle for better conditions.

Stay by the Union Label.

Whereas, It is a well known fact that union men do not demand the union label to the extent that they should; therefore be it

Resolved by this convention, That we ask all union men everywhere to patronize union houses and ask for the union label on all goods.

Support the Labor Press. RESOLUTION NO. 10.

Whereas, There are various labor journals published by and for organized labor, which year in and year out steadfastly uphold the interests of the working class, thereby giving assistance to the organized movement; and

Whereas, If continued support is given these papers by the members of organized labor their influence can be greatly increased and more publicity given to labor news that is

state and an opportunity, funds and circumstances may permit.

Commends Judge Owers. RESOLUTION NO. 13.

Whereas, The Sun and Moon transformer at Idaho Springs, Colo., was blown up by parties unknown, and Phillip Fucoco, a member of the Western Federation of Miners, was killed by an armed guard, employed by the company, although no proof has been shown that he was the author of the explosion; and

Whereas, The Citizens' Alliance of Idaho Springs took upon themselves to violate the laws of the state and nation and formed a mob which comprised the district attorney, A. Horney; the former mayor, deputy sheriff, bankers and saloonkeepers, etc., taking advantage of the excuse of the explosion to drive union miners out of town, and

Whereas, The Citizens' Alliance of Denver, Colo., openly approved this outrage; and

Whereas, Judge Frank W. Owers of the district court of Colorado has nobly stepped into the breach on behalf of the working class and issued an injunction against the anarchistic members of the Citizens' Alliance of Idaho Springs, further disturbing the peace and has appointed a special prosecutor to handle their cases; be it

Resolved, That we approve the action of Judge Owers and affirm our determination to assist in enforcing the laws of this country in every lawful way possible, and we condemn the hypocritical position taken by employers' associations and Citizens' Alliances throughout the country in attacking labor unions for alleged violations of law, boycotting and persecution, when these associations themselves and their members are the most open violators of law, most vindictive of blacklist makers and boycotters. The same was referred to the press committee.

Most Compact in the World. RESOLUTION NO. 14.

Whereas, The last national convention of the American Labor Union prepared a new constitution which is charged with the spirit of progressive and industrial unionism, and will result, if adopted, in forming the most compact labor federation in the world, the whole strength of which must be used to assist any of its organizations in time of need;

Resolved, That this council endorses the spirit of the proposed new constitution of the American Labor Union and congratulates the delegates to that convention on the broad plans they have made for building an all inclusive labor federation that will organize the workers of America into one harmonious compact, aggressive body for the improvement of present conditions and the emancipation of our class from wage slavery.

Craft Committees. RESOLUTION NO. 15.

Whereas, The new proposed constitution of the A. L. U. provides for craft committees of federal and local unions whose duty it is to attend to grievances and disputes in their various crafts; and

Whereas, The American Labor Union stands for industrial unionism to the fullest extent, as well as political action by the working class; be it

Resolved, That all local unions of the A. L. U. and W. F. of M., U. B. of R. E. and other affiliated unions are urged to provide for active, efficient craft committees and boards of adjustment for the various departments and subdivisions of their various industries, believing that great good can be achieved through said committees and boards loyally and thoroughly performing their duties; be it further

Resolved, That we recommend to all locals that their various committees and boards should hold a meeting of their craft or department each week, wherever possible to take up and adjust grievances and promote the complete solidarity of the members.

Resolutions for the establishment of a state labor paper was adopted. The executive board was instructed to apply to the American Labor Union for a charter. The thanks of the convention was tendered the officers immediately preceding adjournment.

MEN DREW FIRST BLOOD

The A. L. U. Brings the Chicago Paving Contractors to Time in Short Order.

The Street Laborers' and Excavators' union of Chicago is chartered by the American Labor Union, therefore does not affiliate with the Chicago Federation of Labor, it being Gompers' policy, in towns where he has the upper hand, to crush every union out of existence which does not pay per capita tax to him.

Knowing the attitude of the A. F. of L. toward the street laborers and excavators several of Barbour's foremen started to fight the union, saying it was "no good" because it held no charter from the central body. One foreman went so far as to tramp on the A. L. U. buttons. T. S. Mahoney, the president of the street laborers, immediately donned his war paint, and there were lively times in just a few hours. He began jerking Barbour gangs off the street so fast that the outfit almost collapsed. The telegraph wires were almost burned out by the company in getting messages to Mahoney, agreeing to employ none but members of his union in future. That's the way to do it, says Mahoney.

CALL FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Lewistown Unions Ask for Aid in Their Fight With Unfair Contractors.

Lewistown, Mont., Sept. 9, 1903. To Organized Labor of Montana: Greeting—We have succeeded in tying up the T. J. Tubbs buildings for two weeks despite the opposition of the Lewistown Business Men's association, an aggregation of men who have shown themselves to be the bitterest enemies of labor within the borders of our state.

This association is backing the scab contractor, T. J. Tubbs financially and morally and have taken pains to engage the services of a scab walking delegate—one Phillip Laux, an uncompromising enemy of labor, who walks from place to place in a defiant manner and heavily armed, which is a new departure in the role of capitalistic tyranny. At the city council last evening N. J. Littlejohn, a councilman, and also an old miner, rose for information as to the appointment of this man Laux.

He saw no occasion for the continuance of this special officer, as there was no sign of trouble, but the balance of the council, proteges of the "Ring Power," voted solidly against his protests.

Outside of one or two, we have not a friend that we can count on in the legislative, executive or judicial branches of the city or county government, and in the employment of legal talent we are forced as a matter of protection to engage service from without.

The tie-up has now reached the critical stage, and that is the matter of bread—bread for twenty-one Austrian members of B. M. I. U. No. 9, who, although are new arrivals from their fatherland, and have stood with their more experienced brothers in union as a unit.

Our unions being young, and opposition great, we are disagreeably forced to make an appeal to organized labor throughout the state for voluntary contributions for the support of our Austrian brothers and others who have remained firm and true to union principles, and we hope this will effect a solid front in and around the vicinity of Lewistown that will enable us when the exigency demands to extend the helping hand to brothers who may experience our present position. About two more weeks of a solid stand will end this fight in our favor.

WE CANNOT AFFORD TO LOSE THIS FIGHT.

Contributions will be received by Henry Lynch, secretary-treasurer of the Fergus County Trades and Labor Council. We are in union,

Fraternally yours, Clinton Fitzhugh and J. S. Boone, U. B. C. and J. of A. No. 1-02. James H. Bailey and A. Franzetti, B. M. I. U. No. 9. Herman Schnick, C. John Bell and Alex Morin, L. L. U. No. 156, A. L. U. Executive Board.

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THE PROPOSED CONSTITUTION REVIEWED BY CLARENCE SMITH

August 13 commenced a series of weekly contributions by the secretary-treasurer, reviewing the newly proposed constitution, which will be voted upon by referendum of the membership of the American Labor Union in December, 1903.

ARTICLE FOUR.

This week we resume discussion of Article Four, treating of the General Executive Board. We commence this week with Section 7, as follows:

UNLAWFUL STRIKES.

Sec. 7. All strikes, otherwise entered upon, shall be unlawful and no payment shall be made from the defense fund in support thereof, provided, that the General Executive Board may, in its judgment, by two-thirds vote, temporarily annul the provision for fifteen days' notice in this article in cases of partial or general lockouts or intimidations, transfers, suspensions or discharges of members for serving on grievance committees or boards of adjustment or becoming or remaining members of the American Labor Union or any national, international or local union thereof.

It will be noted that the above section empowers the Executive Board to dispense with the fifteen days' notice in cases of emergencies. This is wise, as frequently a strike can be made effective if called immediately, while it would surely fail if delayed for fifteen days. In any case no legal strike can be declared except by the Executive Board, after a full understanding of the situation.

Section 8 is the most important one in this very important article. A volume ought to be written concerning it, rather than the brief treatment that can be given in this review. Read every word of the section carefully, and then re-read it:

"Sec. 8. The General Executive Board shall have power by two-thirds vote to initiate and order local or general strikes of any and all members of the American Labor Union, or any national, international or local union or unions thereof, at any time or place, whenever, in the judgment of the General Executive Board, such action is necessary for the welfare of the American Labor Union; but such action to be legal shall require that the representative on the General Executive Board for the national or international union or unions, if any are involved in the strike, shall vote affirmatively; but the General Executive Board has the right to appeal from a refusal to vote or a negative vote of such representative to the Executive Board or Board of Directors of the national or international union represented by him, and should such appeal result in an affirmative vote, then the vote of such national or international union shall be considered as being affirmative and the strike ordered."

The object of this section is, of course, to give to the General Executive Board the power to order strikes of any or all members of the American Labor Union. This being the principal object of the section, the principle discussion must be whether or not it is desirable that this great power be vested anywhere. For there can be no doubt that if the power is to be vested anywhere, it must be in the General Executive Board.

The recent convention believed that the object sought was desirable and based upon the fundamental principle of unionism—united action wherever united action is needed. It is this principle that is exercised locally when the members of a local union strike or boycott, and it is in this principle that we find the only power of the unions—the power of united action. Is it not for want of this principle that central and general organizations are ineffective? With the same solidarity in a national, international or general labor organization as is found in the local union, would not labor become just as powerful nationally, internationally and generally as it is locally? Or even more powerful? It is unquestionable. Can a labor organization become as powerful generally as it is locally without as great general powers as is possessed locally? Obviously not.

In this section alone the American Labor Union presents to the working class a plan for REAL UNIONISM on a general scale, to displace the loose and ineffective so-called federations that are never harmful to the capitalist class or useful to the workers.

But, you might say, why should not the entire membership vote by referendum on general strikes, just as it does on local strikes? Because it takes time—many weeks—to poll a referendum, and time is precious in a strike crisis. In a great crisis, to be effective, the organization must strike here and there like the flash of lightning. And with the pure system of initiative and referendum and imperative mandate provided in this Constitution there is little chance for the general officers or Executive Board overriding the will of the membership. It will be noted that rash action is guarded against in many ways. First, to initiate a strike a two-thirds vote of the General Executive Board is required, and, secondly, no international union or any of the membership can be called on strike without the affirmative vote of the member of the General Executive Board representing such international union. To insure against the representative of any international being corrupted in voting against a strike and thus defeating the will of the membership of that international, it is provided that an appeal can be taken to the Executive Board or Board of Directors of the international he represents.

On the whole, it is an effective plan, yet safe in all essential principles.

The next section simply empowers the General Executive Board to declare strikes off:

"Sec. 9. The General Executive Board by two-thirds vote shall have power to declare any strike off which may have been sanctioned or ordered by it when, in its judgment, the best interests of the American Labor Union will be served by so doing."

Section 10 authorizes the General Executive Board to make payments from the defense fund for the purpose of conducting strikes and supporting strikers. Note the provision restricting the use of the defense fund exclusively for this purpose:

"Sec. 10. Whenever a strike has been duly and legally entered upon, in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution, the General Executive Board shall have power to order payments from the defense fund for the purpose of conducting the strike and supporting the strikers until such strike has been duly and legally declared off by the General Executive Board, but no payments whatever shall ever be made from the defense fund as donations or contributions or for any other purpose whatsoever except to conduct strikes and pay strike benefits in cases where strikes have been duly and legally approved by the General Executive Board."

The rate of pay to strikers is regulated in Section 11. Strikers with families dependent upon them are favored with a slightly higher rate of pay than those who have only to support themselves:

"Section 11. Strike pay shall not be allowed to strikers until they have in each separate case been out on legal strike for a period exceeding seven consecutive days, and the strike allowance after seven consecutive days shall not exceed \$5 per week for strikers with families dependent upon them, and \$3 per week for other strikers, and shall be

paid only to those who were actually working when the strike began and who are actually and legally called out on strike, provided, that the General Executive Board may extend the provisions of this section to individual cases of non-union men and those who were not working when the strike began; but this authority may be used to a very limited extent only."

The detailed and very clear definition of strikes, from the American Labor Union standpoint, contained in Section 12, will be understood and appreciated by those unions that have been brought before the courts on the charge of conspiracy to commit unlawful acts. This is the section:

"Sec. 12. A 'strike,' within the meaning of this Constitution and by-laws, is a peaceful cessation of labor or refusal to work upon the part of a member or members of a national, international or local union of the American Labor Union on account of the refusal of the employer or employers of its members to redress a grievance either of the American Labor Union as a whole or a part thereof, or of a member or members thereof. No other meaning or intent is ever to be given, understood or implied from the word 'strike' within the meaning of this Constitution and by-laws and of the other laws, regulations and act or acts of the American Labor Union; nor is any strike, other than as herein defined, to be lawfully entered upon by the American Labor Union, or any authority under it, nor shall the American Labor Union or any member or members thereof, be by the American Labor Union or by any authority exercised thereunder directed to engage or be engaged in any unlawful combination, confederation or conspiracy so declared under the laws of the governments under which the American Labor Union may operate; nor having for its purpose, object or design the retarding, hindrance, stoppage or interference with the transmission of the mails of the governments under which the American Labor Union may operate, or of international, interstate, territorial or provincial commerce, or of commerce between nations, states, territories or provinces; nor having for its purpose, object or design the commission of any offense or offenses against any governments or against any authority to be exercised under any governments or any states, territories or provinces therein; and every strike that may be lawfully ordered or instituted by the American Labor Union, or under its authority, shall be limited to the peaceful and lawful cessation of labor and declination to perform further service, and without engaging in any violence or unlawful act or acts in connection therewith."

We have not yet completed Article Four, but will have to discontinue for this week. Next week will easily finish this article, and then we will take up Article Five, regarding the General President.

Clarence Smith,
Secretary-Treasurer American Labor Union.

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That the Hurbut Grocery company of Denver opposes the unions.

That Jeanotte of Hope, Idaho, would not agree to early closing.

That the product of the Rocky Mountain Paper mills is the output of organized A. F. of L. scabs.

That Colorado does not need any more miners or smeltersmen at present.

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Missoula Federal has raised its dues from 25c to 50c per month.

The Butte Messenger and Pin Boys' union have moved to 116 East Copper.

M. E. White promises the Journal a letter on conditions in Denver labor circles in time for the next issue.

The United Association of Hotel and Restaurant Employees' unions of Colorado held their state convention September 14th at Canon City.

W. B. Tonkins has been elected financial secretary of Musicians' Co-operative Union No. 273, A. L. U., of Jersey City, N. J. He succeeds Louis Schaefer.

The question of bringing the large stores in Denver, now anti-union, into line is only a matter of a little time. The packing houses have found it unprofitable to fight the unions, and the stores are making a similar discovery.

The A. L. U. had a splendid turnout on Labor Day at Reno, Nev. W. A. Burns, of Storey County Labor union, was one of the Labor Day speakers. Brother Burns is very enthusiastic for his organization. There is a splendid field for work and good men to do it at Reno.

The A. L. U. local No. 432 of Davenport, Iowa, writes that Walter Thomas Mills will lecture in that city in behalf of the locked-out but-

ton workers of that city. A thousand copies of the American Labor Union Journal will be ordered for distribution at the meetings. The Davenport local is a hustling body of workers.

W. J. Pinkerton, an old-timer in the U. B. of R. E., and a member of the Switchmen's union, has written a stirring article in the August Switchmen's Journal, exposing the blacklisting, age limit, physical examination and relief fund schemes of railroad companies.

Crescent City, Cal., Federal has elected Brother John Hunt as president and Walter Jones vice-president. Brother Gordon, the former president, resigned. He has been a capable, conscientious officer and a sterling man. The existence of the union and its success was due to his backbone and good sense.

El Paso Division No. 46, U. B. of R. E., turned out on Labor Day in a body, and members were attired in the blue overalls made by members of the Garment Workers' union, A. L. U., recently organized. This was done, says the Railway Employee's Journal, because the garment workers "are our friends and brothers."

Vice-President D. C. Coates reports from Park City, Utah. Had a splendid celebration. Town is well organized. All unions are in good shape and increasing in membership rapidly. The Retail Clerks' union embraces practically every clerk in town; they have just furnished up a hall and opened up general labor headquarters. The A. L. U. carpenters are on strike for nine hours, and with the support of the other unions they are bound to win. Coates is now in Canon City, Colo.

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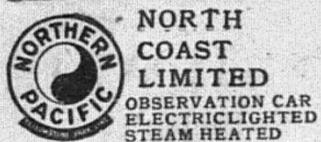


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