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UNITY OF ACTION.

Any movement to succeed must secure unity of action among those interested. This is no less true of the labor than of any other movement. Indeed, it would seem that it is more true because of the conditions which obtain. We are frequently met with the charge that the laboring classes will not stick together, and we regret to admit that this charge is, to some extent, true, but not to the extent it was formerly. For some time past there has been a getting together of the working people. They begin to realize the necessity of concert of action if they are to accomplish any lasting good. Petty strife and jealousies are being relegated to the rear and a united front presented to the foes of organized labor. The just demands of labor must have due consideration from the powers that be, if they expect to continue to BE. While we do not entertain the hope of seeing all the reforms advocated by organized labor consummated in a day, we confidently expect to see a beginning in this direction. To this end, those who are soliciting the votes of the wage-earners must be made to understand that they will be expected to support measures looking to the betterment of the conditions of the workers if they are to receive their votes.

When the wage-earners come to realize their strength in unity of action, then will come to pass that for which we are to-day working—and not until then. With the rapid and thorough organization of the workers, we have every reason to hope for an early coming into our own.

We are asked, if labor organizations are going into politics? We answer, not as organizations. But as individuals the membership of the different crafts are coming more and more to recognize that in a government like ours, to obtain any reform, necessitates political action.

THAT NEW HOTEL.

Some months ago the daily press of this city heralded to the world (on paper) that Raleigh was to have a new hotel, first-class in every particular—one that would be a haven of rest to the Northern tourist who winters in the South in order to escape the rigors of Northern winters. Meetings were held, committees appointed and pledges were made by monied men to help the good cause, but before any practical work was accomplished, another enterprise loomed up on the horizon in the

shape of a new railroad from this city to Elizabeth City. It completely submerged the new hotel (on paper) and after running (in the papers), as all nine-day wonders, disappeared from in front of the footlights like some iridescent dream.

But Raleigh does need an up-to-date hotel, at which Northern visitors can be accommodated while wintering or summering in this city. The temperature in summer is all a most exacting person could wish, while the winters are ideal ones.

Let us build one thing at a time, and not build too many things (on paper) and show no results. The railroad and the hotel are both needed and should, and, no doubt, will be built in time, and THE HARBINGER hopes the day will soon dawn when both are accomplished facts.

GLASS-MAKING MACHINE.

"The East Side Tankhouse," as the De Pauw plant of the American Window Glass Company at Alexandria, Ind., is commonly known, is the center of all attention just now for every window-glass blower in the United States, for within its closely-guarded gates is an invention which threatens the craft of window-glass blowers with practical annihilation. Despite their sphinx-like silence, enough is known to say that the machines, for there are twelve of them now in, and, in a way, making glass. It is not yet commercially successful in quantity nor is it up to the standard marketable glass. The officials assert, however, that by September 1 it will be demonstrated that it will be the greatest success of the age. Further than this they will not vouchsafe a word. Glass blowers are divided on the question of what the result will be. That it will increase production is beyond question, as it is now demonstrated that one machine will do the work of five blowers, yet it is expected that glass will be cheapened to the consumer but little, if any. As the American has the sole control of the machines in America, it need fear no competition. If it does, however cut prices a little, it will be disastrous to the hand-blowing manufacturers and their men, say many of the workmen, who look pessimistically upon the matter.

SUSPICIOUS LEGISLATION.

The Canadian Parliament has just passed a law to be known as "the railway arbitration act," which is to all intents and purposes compulsory arbitration. It has one redeeming feature, which provides "that no person shall be liable to imprisonment nor any person be adjudged or ordered to be imprisoned for default of payment of any penalty." Even when this clause in the act, labor men are looking with suspicion on the law, and are openly declaring against it. They regard it as entering the thin end of the wedge which will eventually bring about compulsory arbitration on this continent, and open the gates of the penitentiary to the man who quits his employment because the conditions may have become irksome to him.

"Promises are like pie-crusts, made to be broken," therefore let the next Legislature pass a child-labor law modeled after the Louisiana child-labor law. No State is up-to-date without such a law.

Notwithstanding summer's dullness, THE HARBINGER continues to receive new subscribers, and the merchants who are not represented in this paper, and who complain of dull times, should place an ad. with us and have no more dull times.

Editorial Notes.

The labor temple stock continues to be in demand.

Hurrah for the labor temple, the Masonic temple, the new hotel and the new railroad.

RENEW your subscription to THE HARBINGER. The new quarter began June 1, ult.

When you fail to receive THE HARBINGER, drop us a postal card and you will receive a copy.

See that your candidate for office is in favor of the demands of organized labor before you help to nominate him.

Wages were higher in 1890 than in 1900, and in the latter year the prices of food advanced from 7 to 11 per cent.

"Infant labor" in the factories must be abolished. They must be allowed to go to school before they become imprisoned in a factory.

The first sale of tobacco of the season took place in Raleigh this week, although the formal opening has not yet taken place. Gilt-edge prices obtained.

The State Firemen's Tournament, which will be held in this city next week, will be the greatest "meet" of the organization, three days being devoted to the affair.

Labor Day will arrive in September and the various unions should make arrangements to meet it. Let us have the grandest celebration that day that has ever been witnessed in the State.

Hon. E. W. Potu was renominated for Congress at the convention which met in this city this week to represent this district in the National Legislature. He makes a model Congressman and believes in THE HARBINGER.

Mr. James Gorman, a painter, died Wednesday, at 6 p. m., and was buried Thursday evening. Mr. W. Henry Miller, a bookbinder, died Thursday, at 6 p. m., and was buried at 5 p. m. Friday.

The State Museum was visited by large numbers of the Wilmington excursionists this week, who expressed themselves as highly pleased at the exhibits. It is the finest museum in the South, and the State is to be congratulated on its liberality in providing funds for its maintenance.

Mechanics should not fail to avail themselves of the opportunity presented to them by Raney Library. It is a place where a pleasant evening can be spent in reading the various magazines and instructive books. If you dislike to read in the library, take a book from a standard author home with you.

There are more new enterprises for the coming fall in prospectus than ever known before in the history of our city, and with the good crops which we are pretty well assured of, and the impetus the tobacco market will give us, we may look forward to a good fall business; and as this is the season of general depression in business circles, our merchants would do well to be looking out for a proper medium through which they can let all classes know of their intentions for the coming fall, and also to be advertising their summer goods at such prices that will make them "go," and in order to put in this fall's stock; and no better medium can be found than THE HARBINGER for this purpose. Don't fail to get our rates.

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