

IN THE WORLD OF LABOR.

Comments and Miscellaneous Shiftings. T. H. TWIGG.

The pastor of a wealthy church in Philadelphia always counts the collection... Brethren, when I look around this congregation this morning, I say, 'Where are the poor?'

At present the proportion of working time is smaller in Britain than in any other country. The assertion is true in respect of agriculture, of industry, of shopkeeping, of commerce and of the professions.

Mr. Hooley on Reciprocity

From Toronto Mail and Empire

'Good evening to ye,' said Mr. Grogan as he entered Mr. Hooley's cosy little parlor... 'Hello, Grogan; have ye a dollar on ye?' answered Mr. Hooley as he laid down a paper he had been reading...

'I've been tellin' ye of do be persuadin' that 'tis best for ye to have it so, an' they say, too, that the government here think the farmers don't want to kike...

FREE SCHOOL BOOKS.

Elsha Benjamin Andrews in Cosmopolitan.

Usage in the method of providing public school pupils with books varies a good deal among states and cities. The following legal data are from the report of the United States commissioner of education for 1897-8.

In Group I, school boards must provide books (i.e., the use of them) free for all pupils, indigent or not... In Group II, school boards may provide books for sale to pupils.

In Group III, boards must provide books for all indigent pupils... In Group IV, boards may provide for the indigent. Here come only Illinois and Missouri.

In Group V, boards may purchase books for sale to pupils... In Group VI, boards may purchase books for sale to pupils.

In Group VII, boards may purchase books for sale to pupils... In Group VIII, boards may purchase books for sale to pupils.

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In Group XI, boards may purchase books for sale to pupils... In Group XII, boards may purchase books for sale to pupils.

In Group XIII, boards may purchase books for sale to pupils... In Group XIV, boards may purchase books for sale to pupils.

In Group XV, boards may purchase books for sale to pupils... In Group XVI, boards may purchase books for sale to pupils.

Nicholson's Stick.

From Daily Mail.

The following is the story told by an aged native veteran of the mutiny who witnessed the Durbar spectacle by the invitation of the Government... 'I saw Nicholson die. The sahib will pardon me; I am an old man, but I have kept his stick for he gave it to me.'

'Indeed I cannot say truly how old I am. An old Sahib, who is older than I, wrote a few months, by way of the Commissioner Sahib to be 81. It is true that Attar Singh knows nothing about his own age and said so; but it is so written down in the books the sahib made last year at the conclusion of the Durbar.'

HERMITS OF THESSALY.

Remote in the northwestern corner of Thessaly are some of the strangest monasteries in the world. They are known as the Meteora cloisters...

These cells, which were used during the Middle Ages by hermits, each of whom lived entirely apart from the others...



MARCH OF THE WORKERS. HEARD men saying, Leave home and praying. A day shall be as all have been; Today and tomorrow bring fear and sorrow.

When earth was younger mid toil and hunger. In hope we strove, and our hands were strong. The great men led us, with words they fed us, And bade us right the earthly wrong.

Go read in stories their deeds and glory. Their names amidst the nameless dead; Turn them from lying to low, and bid us in that good world to which they led.

Where fast and faster our iron master, The things he made forever drives. Aids us grind treasure and fashion pieces, For other hopes and other lives.

Where home is a hotel and dull we grovel, Forgetting that the wretched slave, Where our own hearts, lest they be very slow, Where our mirth is crime, our love a snare.

Come, shoulder to shoulder, ere the world grows older; Help lies in naught but thee and me. Hope, before us, the long years that bore us, Bore leaders more than men may be.

Let dead hearts tarry and trade and marry, And trembling nurse their dreams of mirth. While we the living our lives are giving, To bring the bright new world to birth.

Come, shoulder to shoulder ere earth grows older! The Cause spreads over land and sea; Now the world shaketh and fears weakness, And joy at last for thee and me.

Meetings in Labor Hall this week. Teachers' Musicians... Today, 2:30 p.m. Retail Clerks... Monday, 8:30 p.m. Bricklayers... Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. Molders... Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Trestlers... Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. Sheetmetal Workers... Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Stonemasons... Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Electrical Workers... Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Bakers... Friday, 7:30 p.m.

E. T. Kingsley, an American revolutionary class-conscious socialist from Nainamoo, delivered a lecture in Labor Hall last Sunday night on "The Labor Problem."

The Electrical Workers' Union are sending out invitations for a smoking concert in Labor Hall on Thursday night. The open meetings which have been held by the union recently have proved very fruitful.

Mr. Mulek proposes to introduce a somewhat different Arbitration Act for the settlement of labor disputes on railways than that which was referred to the committee by the country for an expression of opinion on.

A weather-cock should be placed on the top of the city hall, so the people may know every time the council changes its mind, which is usually with the wind.

If the sons of some poor workman ill-treated a Chinese they would be tried for the offence in the police court and receive all the punishment the law could give them.

Mr. J. Buntzen, general manager of the British Columbia Electric Railway Co., gives an account of the system of profit-sharing being introduced by his company. The plan is described as follows: After a 4 per cent dividend has been paid to the shareholders, one-third of the surplus profits (if any) will go to the employees and the other two-thirds to the shareholders.

Carol D. Wright, commissioner of labor, is quoted as saying that the wages now paid in the United States are higher than ever before in the history of the country. The highest level up to the present time, he says, was made in 1892.

Indianapolis despatches say that the United Mine Workers' Union is considering the raising of \$2,000,000, which will make its total strike fund now available over \$3,000,000.

Out of every 100 seamen and firemen employed on vessels of the mercantile marine of the United Kingdom, 70 are foreigners.

At the recent convention of the United Mine Workers, held at Indianapolis, the socialist wing offered a resolution favoring public ownership of railroads and the coal mines. The resolution was tabled.

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It should be possible to have established in Victoria a technical school where the mechanics of industry, including mining and agriculture, might be taught. An institution of this kind should receive municipal, as well as provincial encouragement. Mr. G. H. G. W. Bollen, president of the Trades and Labor Council, at the last meeting stated that it cost a boy who wished to get any sort of technical training from \$80 to \$150.

There is something incongruous in the behavior of some people who are doing their little bit to enlarge their library and expand the free loan system, but who only recently condemned the loaning of books in the public schools.

J. H. Hawthornthwaite, for several months editor of the Nanaimo Clarion, has retired. The local socialist newspaper now own the paper and will conduct it by a press committee.