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This is no place for suspended members or anyone else who does not intend being a union man, as we have an agreement with the company and also an initiation fee. We welcome all who are members, and those who are union men at heart, even though they may have erred at some time or another.

Well, brothers, must close. We had a few snow flakes fall to-day, but of course we laid it to the coal man.

Fraternally yours,

SLIVER.

MEDWAY LOCAL No. 152.

Well, brothers, many of you who have worked in East Millinocket will be surprised to hear that there has been many changes here in the last month. Mr. M. C. Adams has been transferred to the Great Northern's plant at Madison. Mr. Lewis, superintendent at Madison, has been sent here to fill Mr. Adams' position.

Mr. Matt Helf, our day foreman, has resigned his position here and has accepted a position as superintendent with the DeGrasse Paper Co. at Pyrites, N. Y. Mr. Pennings has been advanced from night superintendent to day foreman.

Mr. Johnson has also been advanced from boss machine tender to night superintendent.

The employes of the Great Northern Paper Co. gave a banquet in honor of our departing foremen and wished them much success in their new fields of labor.

Brother Marshall was there with the farewell speech for the Paper Makers. Some class to John. Mr. Adams gave a farewell speech to the brothers on loyalty to the new foreman.

Brother L. A. Hartford has been with us a few days, but has departed for Woodland, where he is employed by the St. Croix Paper Co.

Brother Fiske, of Deferiet, is handling the stuff gate on No. 3.

Brother Bilideau, of Millinocket, arrived in town the other day but did not remain.

Brother Dan White, our Medway white hope, has quit the fighting game. We all admit that there was no hope for the big smoke with Dan in action.

Well, brothers, everything is going fine with Medway Local No. 152, and the brothers are all pleased to hear that some of the mills in the west have gone on the short hours.

Well, I guess that I will bring this to a close for this time. Hoping that Brother Sandstrom brings back that moose that he says he is going to get, I remain

Fraternally,

CORRESPONDENT,

Local No. 152.

POWELL RIVER LOCAL No. 142.

The mills in which the members of this Local are employed is the last one that was put into operation on the Pacific coast, though the men were the first to organize. Being just organized, we feel that it is important that there be a news item in the Journal to let our fellow tradesmen in other sections know that we are with them, and that it is our desire to better our conditions.

We have noticed in the Journal from time to time that the men in the news mills throughout the east are enjoying an eight-hour day or forty-eight hours per week, and are receiving a higher scale of wages than are most of us out here on the coast for the same work. It is true that most of the manufacturers don't like to see their help organize, but can they expect them to work thirteen hours a night for all time, and at that for less wages than other companies pay their workers for the same jobs, and only ask them to work eight hours. Some of the men here on the coast think that the eight hours is something new in the paper business, but we learn that it is not. The Great Northern Paper Company's mills, and many others, have been operating their mills on the three tour system for more than ten years.

We have got very near all of the men in our Local. After a few more meetings all will be in. We did not form a Local to make trouble for the company who we work for. It is our right to join a labor union if we so choose. We know that it is necessary for workers to cooperate in these days in order to be able to better their conditions in life.

We are informed that the men in Camas have also organized. We wish them every success. Next will be Oregon City. They above all should be organized, and the quicker they get into line the sooner will they and all be enjoying better conditions. Thirteen hours is too long for any man to work, especially nights, and the quicker the change comes the better for all concerned.

CORRESPONDENT.

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Kalamazoo is still on strike and need all the help they can get. We had an agent from Kalamazoo here this week trying to hire help but did not appear to have any luck yet. There are quite a few of the boys here out of work but they don't seem to care for those kind of jobs.

This is all the news for this time, so will ring off.

CORRESPONDENT,
Watertown, N. Y.

DE GRASSE LOCAL No. 136.

Mr. John H. Gately has resigned his position as Superintendent for the De-Grasse Paper Co. which he has held for the past two years and filled to perfection.

Mr. Gately came here from the Powell River Paper Co., British Columbia, where he held a like position.

As a token of his high esteem, his fellow-workers at the DeGrasse Paper Co.'s plant presented him with a fine diamond ring.

Mr. Gately will leave here about Oct. 1st. Mr. Mattie Helf from the Great Northern mill at East Millinocket will succeed Mr. Gately.

F. A. H.

CASCADE LOCAL No. 138.

Well, Brothers, another month has rolled around and finds us at the same old stand doing business. "Labor Day" has come and gone. We had the poorest turn out in years. The rain very near spoiled our parade. The usual field sports were pulled off at Cascade Park, with dancing afternoon and evening. The proceeds of the day, after expenses were paid, netted us a neat sum, in spite of the weather. Brother Hammond had the misfortune to have his left hand badly lacerated while starting the winder on No. 2 machine.

Brothers Gately and Daucet are still at it. Gately got it over last week, and Daucet got as far as the steam regulator.

As news is scarce this month, I must say au revoir until next month.

W. L. C.

MARBLE CITY LOCAL No. 67.

Now, Brothers, just a few lines for the Journal this month, in regard to the Labor Day celebration at Watertown. At a well-attended special meeting of our Local just before Labor Day we obligated six new Brothers into the Local, after which plans were made to attend the celebration in a body. Might say we were all very much pleased with the demonstration and a large attendance of workingmen on parade. As this is my first attempt as a Journal Correspondent, I will ring off, with the hope that the Brothers at Kalamazoo will soon be successful in winning their fight for better conditions. Remember, boys, we are with you.

CORRESPONDENT.

RHINELANDER LOCAL No. 66.

Just a few lines from No. 66 for October, as ye correspondent is very busy these cold fall days preparing for old Jack Frost; but one thing I wish to mention before I forget is the letter in the September Journal supposed to have been written to a machine tender at Rhinelander by the Bryant Paper Co. of Kalamazoo, Mich. Now, in my opinion, that letter is all poppycock. Just think of a man who but a short time ago started to reap the benefits of eight hours by being a true Union man, writing to such a damnable firm as the Bryant Paper Co. for a position when he's got a better one than they can offer. All poppycock, I say. In fact, I believe no man at Rhinelander wrote to the Bryant Paper Co. at all for a position during their present trouble, and if one did, I hope he goes and scabs it, and may God have mercy on his soul, because the Bryant Paper Co. won't.

Yes, Mickey went and done it! Done what? Why, got married. The writer had the pleasure of attending the wedding ceremony at 9 a. m., Sept. 10th, at St. Mary's Catholic church, when Miss Elizabeth Sullivan of this city consented to become Mickey's better half. After the ceremony an elaborate breakfast was served at the home of the bride's parents, after which the couple left for a wedding tour through the southern part of the State. Congratulations from the boys of No. 66, John. Now, look out, John, that you keep those vows, or Bro. Sharpe will get you with those shackles again.

Well, Brothers, the wife wants me to gather in the eggs, so will have to close. Hoping that within a short time news will come from Kalamazoo of a clean victory for the boys, I am,

Fraternally yours,
G. G.

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the opinion that conditions are so much different in the different Locals that it could not be made uniform, but think it could be more so and I believe that many of our Locals charge fees beyond common decency.

I notice by the Brother's article from Palmer that they have a big crowd of good union men who attend the meetings regularly and that they are never lacking for something to say on the good and welfare of the order. That there is a large body of good union men in Palmer, no one will attempt to deny, and I am pleased to know that they possess that oratory ability which has made many a man famous, but in looking over the financial report of the donation to Kalamazoo, I am very much disappointed to learn that they also possess that selfish spirit which is so plainly visible in the opponents of our movement and I would suggest they change their order of business from the good and welfare of the order to the good of Palmer Local.

I notice by our Brother from Fitchburg that the same old resolution was passed at the Convention of the A. F. of L., and I have come to the conclusion that it might be a good idea to prepare a resolution to present to the next Convention to the effect that the Paper Makers Label be endorsed at every future Convention until further notice. It would greatly facilitate matters, and might do away with the need of sending delegates.

The Brother from De Grasse Local seems to be one of those who is naturally adapted to the duty assigned to him, and is always present with an article, and he should be commended for his efforts. He, in speaking about the Union label, reminds me that we can't have much kick now as you know this is a season for union labels just now. All of the political aspirants for office (agents of the capitalists class) have their pictures in all the windows and conspicuous places and they have not forgotten the label, all their appeals to us for our vote has the label on it and it gives the label the appearance of being a badge of hypocrisy.

I wish to extend my congratulations to the new Local at Powell River, B. C., and trust they will be on the job to give the last shove as we push the long tour system into the Pacific Ocean.

In commenting on the Brother's article from Pejepscott I only have a suggestion to offer. I am not in a position to make any statement either for or against his argument, as the Brothers who know me best will realize that I have had no time recently to figure out a problem of this kind (possibly I couldn't if I had), but since the Brothers has apparently swallowed an arithmetic, I would suggest him for consideration as an auditor.

The Brother from International Falls seems to be one of those Brothers who thinks we are living in an age of competition, and must therefore compete with our capitalists masters on a financial basis. He wants to raise the initiation fee and per capita that we may be in a better position to carry on this war of competition as he attributes our failures to a lack of finance. I believe our failure is largely due to a lack of solidarity and loyalty to our class interests. We do not want to raise the initiation fee so as to make it a burden on those seeking to join our ranks. I would sooner see every man in the paper making industry a member of our Organization, we could then discontinue the initiation fee altogether, except on those beginning the business, and it would be better to let them in free than leave them on the outside.

Our Brother from Woodland has on account of our differences of opinion offered an opportunity for an argument which is inviting both to reason and to ridicule. He gives the impression of being of that class of labor men who are hero-worshippers and believe any concessions gained are due to some modern Moses, whom we should henceforth worship and idolize. We have, as he says, been fortunate in having able, honest, hard-working men on our Executive Board of late, and I believe it is appreciated by all, but because of that fact, it doesn't mean we should establish a monarchy government within our ranks. I disagree with the Brother in his argument that we should be governed and ruled from the top down, but believe in majority rule and that our Executive Board should be controlled by the will of the majority. He refers in slurring terms to the efforts of the I. W. W. to release Ettor and Giovannitti from jail. Knowing the charges that are brought against these men and the interests behind the authorities, can organized labor consistently take sides with capitalists in this case?

In the first place we must realize that it is due to partial failure on our present system of organization that has brought to existence the I. W. W. The forces

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Watertown, No. 4.—Henry Grosse, Lee J. Labarge.

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