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THE LABOR FAIR.

Let it be admitted now, once for all and without equivocation, that the labor fair has been a dismal failure. Everybody but the union men and women of the city have done their full duty. Enterprising merchants have spent from \$25 to \$100 in fitting up handsome booths to show their good will for union labor—and union labor has failed to respond. With stomachs well filled and a warm bed to sleep in at night, the workmen—most of them—care for nothing more.

Gentlemen—the great American hogs gets that much out of life! During the first two nights of the labor fair, with America's greatest orator and the governor of the state bailed to speak—to say nothing of a vaudeville show better than the average presented by the theaters—the total attendance of union men was less than 200, and the total attendance less than 350.

Less than one-half the union men who promised faithfully to serve on committees have responded, either by work or attendance. Not one union man in thirty has helped the fair by attending.

This editorial is written while the third night's program is being carried out. If the last three nights of the fair are to be judged by the first three nights, there will be no more labor fairs in Lincoln; there will never be a labor temple in Lincoln, and organized labor will be laughed at when it lays claim to recognition. For this state of affairs union workmen have only themselves to blame.

If one-half the union men of this city and vicinity had attended one or two nights, paying the nominal admission fee, the fair would have been a glorious success. As it is, the fair is a failure. There is no use trying to conceal this fact. A handful of earnest, loyal union men have worked night and day to make it a success, and for their labor and their expense they are rewarded by a failure—and all because a lot of well fed workmen are too negligent of their duty to do their share.

The Central Labor Union, which financed the fair, will not lose money. That matter was taken up before the fair opened. But some one is going to lose money—and that some one is a man who pinned too much faith on the loyalty and enterprise of Lincoln unionists. He doesn't regret the money he has lost one-third as much as he regrets the fact that his faith in the zeal, the enterprise and the unionism of Lincoln mechanics has been destroyed. The faithful few will be rewarded by the consciousness that they have done their whole duty, and that is reward enough.

There seems to be but one thing that will make union men sit up and take notice—to be forced to live in idleness and suffering for a few months. When workmen are idle and suffering there is no difficulty in getting them to take interest in union matters. Well employed and well fed seems to make them forget.

The Wageworker is just as anxious as it can be to arouse interest in union matters, but its anxiety has not yet reached the point when it would have that interest aroused at the expense of the comfort of our wives and our little ones. But just as sure as the sun rises in the morning and sets in

the evening, the time will come when the careless and indifferent union men of today will regret that they did not take advantage of the golden opportunities that surround them today.

THAT CHICAGO DISGRACE.

Organized labor is once more called upon to endure a stigma placed upon it by men who profess to be leaders. The Chicago affair is another black eye for industrial organization. It is a set-back that organized labor will not be able to overcome for a decade. Once more men elevated to leadership in the union movement have betrayed their trust, sold out those who trusted them and lined their pockets with gains that are as dishonest—yes, more so—as the gains of the man who knocks down little children and robs them of their pennies, or loots the bank in which widows and orphans have deposited their little savings. For the next ten years those who preach the doctrines of labor unionism will be met with sneers and jeers and will be asked to explain the nasty deals of the Sheas and the Youngs in Chicago.

The only answer is that Shea and Young were just ordinary human beings—but that answer will not satisfy the public. Organized labor must make a better showing than organized capital in order to secure the same consideration. One dishonest labor leader attracts more attention and denunciation than a dozen dishonest bankers, a score of discredited ministers of the gospel or an hundred crooked public officials. One Con Shea can do more injury than a thousand Gompers and Mitchells and Perkins can overcome in a decade. And those dishonest Chicago teamsters, while profiting personally by their crookedness, have done a lasting injury to hundreds of thousands of honest, sincere and faithful trades unionists. If organized labor were measured by the ordinary yardstick it would not be so bad. But unfortunately it is not. The public is looking for opportunities to denounce and discredit the labor organizations, and God knows the public too often finds what it seeks. It is enough to make the most optimistic trades unionist lose courage.

But we'll have to stick to it, boys. We'll have to live down the disgrace by acting square, dealing righteously and showing by our works that we believe in our cause.

Senator Beveridge has introduced his child labor bill, and the eminent senators elected to represent special interests that profit from child labor will proceed to prove that the bill is un-American and unconstitutional.

"Please accept my thanks for the magnificent way in which organized labor rallied to the support of your labor fair. Such united support helps our cause along wonderfully."—David M. Parry.

Organized labor rallied to the support of the labor fair just like it rallied to the support of the union men who were candidates for the legislature.

Private reports from New York are to the effect that Charles W. Post is delighted with the success achieved by the Lincoln labor fair.

President Roosevelt's remarks on labor in his annual message may be of the right sort provided one knows what he means.

LOST: A golden opportunity to advance the cause of unionism by neglecting to make the labor fair a huge success.

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The labor fair was a great success up to the hour of opening the doors.

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Remember the Lyric this week.

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