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"Printers' Ink," the recognized authority on advertising, after a thorough investigation on this subject, says: "A labor paper is a far better advertising medium than an ordinary newspaper in comparison with circulation. A labor paper, for example, having 2,000 subscribers is of more value to the business man who advertises in it than an ordinary paper with 12,000 subscribers."

CONCERNING HOME INDUSTRIES.

Elsewhere in this issue will be found an open letter from the Cigarmakers' Union of Lincoln, addressed to Secretary Whitten of the Commercial Club, and through him to all members of that organization. This open letter furnishes The Wageworker with a text which it eagerly seizes upon to preach a little sermon against this thing of preaching without practicing.

Secretary Whitten is to be complimented upon his earnest efforts to secure new factories and business institutions for Lincoln, even though his zeal sometimes outruns his discretion. Being thoroughly familiar with the whole matter referred to by the Cigarmakers in their open letter, The Wageworker openly and unhesitatingly declares that the Cigarmakers are absolutely in the right, and that Secretary Whitten, doubtless without intention, has been guilty of doing the local union a grave injustice by his accusations. Some months ago Secretary Whitten reported that it was possible to secure another shirt and overall factory for Lincoln, provided the Commercial Club could guarantee 400 or 500 girls and women to work therein. He immediately opened a registration bureau in the hopes of securing enough applications for situations to induce the promoters of the new factory to locate here. And because The Wageworker entered vigorous protest against any more "girl factories" in Lincoln, Secretary Whitten declares that the deal fell through. This has led him to call the editor a "labor agitator" and charge The Wageworker with working against the best interests of Lincoln. If opposition to locating "girl factories" in Lincoln makes the editor of this humble little paper a "labor agitator," we proudly accept the name. If opposing an industrial movement which means fewer American homes in the future, and more natural breadwinners vainly tramping the streets in search of employment; more underpaid girls and more men not paid at all—if opposition to this sort of thing is "working against the best interests of Lincoln," then The Wageworker is guilty, and it is glad of it.

The editor of The Wageworker is a member of the Commercial Club, and is in a position to know something about the sincerity of a lot of its members who are always "boosting the home industry" game. It has seen members demand eastern made cigars after talking their throats sore for "home industry," and when their attention was called to their evident insincerity sneer at Lincoln made cigars. It knows a prominent member who is forever talking "home industry" who refuses to patronize home insurance companies. It has seen Commercial Club members who always boost for "home industry" come home from Chicago and even Omaha with suits made in those cities by tailors not one bit better than Lincoln tailors. More than 98 per cent of the cigars sold in the Commercial Club's rooms to members of that organization are made elsewhere, and the men responsible for this love to rear back their chairs and "promote the home industry movement." Yet these same gentlemen condemn The Wageworker because it refuses to boost Lincoln made goods which are the output of overworked and underpaid girls, and damn Lincoln cigarmakers because they will not consent to a reduction

of 10 per cent in their wages in order to locate another cigar factory in Lincoln. Consistency would die of loneliness if forced to live long in the Commercial Club rooms of Lincoln.

THAT LABOR TEMPLE MOVEMENT.

The movement for the erection of a Labor Temple in Lincoln is rapidly taking definite form. If a few unions that have not yet selected representatives on the temple committee will now get busy, there is no reason why a concerted effort may not be made, and a Labor Temple erected in Lincoln and made ready for occupancy before the close of 1908.

Seven unions have selected representatives on the committee, and this committee is buckling down to work. As fast as it can it will develop a definite plan of procedure, and when it is accomplished it will be submitted to the local unions for ratification or amendment. But in order to insure success it is absolutely necessary that every local organization be represented and unanimous support received from every local.

The great trouble will be experienced in formulating a plan that will be generally acceptable. But even this will be accomplished in due time. It will then remain for the unionists of this community to get busy and build the temple. With such support as is almost guaranteed from the business community by a representative few, the unionists should have no difficulty in financing the movement.

President Clowry of the Western Union Telegraph company can understand why the head official of a great corporation can express a desire to have his salary raised from \$50,000 to \$75,000 a year, but for the life of him he can not understand why a telegraph operator drawing \$60 a month ought to have \$10 a month more.

Having failed to strike either oil or gas in that well, Mr. Burnham and his associates might try boring for the gas at or near the headquarters of a lot of eminent gentlemen who preach "patronize home industry" and then signally fail to practice it.

How easy it is to give lavishly to charity when you can force men and women to work for starvation wages to make the goods you force the consuming public to buy at exorbitant prices.

Every time an employer of "rat" printers denounces the Typographical Union the members of that organization point to a picture of their home at Colorado Springs and smile.

If your union has not yet appointed a representative on the Labor Temple Committee, it is your duty to call attention to the fact and insist upon it doing so at once.

You expect to have it handed to you by your enemies, but it hurts like thunder to have it handed to you by those whom you have tried to befriend.

We demand for Senator Borah of Idaho a fair and impartial trial—anyhow, as fair and impartial as he tried to deal out to "Bill" Haywood.

The taxpayers of Idaho are now footing the bills incurred by the Haywood prosecution in its desperate efforts to "bust the unions."

They may possibly put you in jail for trying to boycott, but they cannot jail you for insisting upon the union label.

The secret of industrial independence lies in the unanimous demand of union men for the union label.

Stand by the striking telegraphers! They are worthy of all help.

Mail your "telegrams!"

Someone Left Him a Baby.
A baby a few hours old was left on the doorstep of the house of Walter Reed, a farmer living five miles south of Salina. Mr. Reed heard someone drive to the house in a wagon. A few minutes later he went to the door and found a package containing the child. The man in the wagon drove away rapidly. The police are investigating the case, but there is no clue for them to follow.

Won't Apply on Devil's Debts.
It has been announced by the receivers for the Devil's properties that the sale of the coal lands and two mines at Marquette, Ill., was not the property of any of the Devil's companies which are now in the hands of receivers in Topeka. The Marquette property was Mr. Devil's personal estate and the proceeds of the sale go to Mrs. Devil and not to pay any debts of the many companies which Devil organized.

Speaking of a striking telegraph operator in Lincoln, a well known business man said: "I know he would go back to work tomorrow if he wasn't afraid of being called a 'scab.'" Well, isn't that reason enough for not going back to work?

"The Man on the Back Seat" of the Buffalo Progress is a wise guy. He says: "If employers would pay as much attention to the old men as they do to the new men after a strike, there would be fewer labor troubles." Isn't that the truth?

The Bureau of Commerce and Labor at Washington, D. C., has sent out a bulletin containing the information that wages have advanced faster than the cost of living. And that's the sort of stuff we pay those "expert statisticians" to hand out to us.

SUBSTANTIAL PREMIUMS

OUR WAY OF ADVERTISING

The success of any business depends on the ability of the manager of that concern to supply the needs of the patrons in the best possible manner and the test as to the best policy of developing that firm is to give every good idea a practical trial. We know by personal experience that The Premium way of advertising is a business builder. Every day the list of Premium collectors increases for not a thing but substantial merchandise, quantities of which are taken from our own stocks, is offered as premiums. We have beautiful gifts for as low as \$25.00 in premium tickets, a ticket is given with every 25c. purchase.

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