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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."

### ONE MORE SHACKLE.

Judge Jones of the federal bench has just added another judicial shackle to the limbs of labor. Judge Jones has officially and judicially decreed that "employers have property rights in labor." In other words, Judge Jones has judicially decreed that the employer has a "property right" in his employe. He says: "An employe has a property right in the services of his workmen in his business. The employe can maintain an action against anyone who entices his servant to leave him, or prevents the servant from working for his employer. This property right is protected by the sanction of our criminal laws also."

It having been judicially decreed that the workingman has no constitutional rights which a federal judge is bound to respect, it naturally follows that the same power should reach the conclusion that the man who works for wages is the peon, slave or chattel of the man he works for. The next step will be to declare that when a man once engages to work for wage he shall forever be tied to the job regardless of his wishes or his chances for betterment. To just such a condition the workmen of this country are drifting under the present order of things.

Of course the newspaper that makes such a declaration is an "apostle of discontent," and the workingman who repeats it is a "disturber," an "anarchist" and a "labor agitator," according to the eminent gentlemen who profit by the conditions complained of. The workingman who objects to being made a chattel is enjoined by a federal judge from discussing the matter with his fellows, and if he is brave enough to stand upon his constitutional rights to free speech he is thrown into jail without benefit of the legal protection that is cheerfully granted to the most hardened criminal or brutal murderer.

Now that a federal judge has taken advanced ground on this question, the workingman is told that he must not "disturb our present prosperity," and smug-faced ministers beseech him to "submit himself to every ordinance of man" and to "constituted authority." If he protests against the rapid deprivation of his natural rights and his rights under the constitution he is branded as a "disturber" and cast into outer darkness. Is it possible that the Russian peasantry is making as rapid advance toward liberty as American workingmen are making towards chattel slavery? Judge Jones' decision, if maintained as good law, will put the American wage-earner on a worse basis than the black man was before Abraham Lincoln issued his emancipation proclamation.

Under that decision a man who offers a good workman increased wages or a new job is guilty of a crime, and the workman who quits one job to take a better one is subject to punishment for his independence and temerity. Is it not about time that American workmen opened their eyes to the despotism that is being fastened upon them under our present federal judiciary?

### THE ENDORSEMENT OF TAFT.

Is there any significance in the fact that the Nebraska republican convention which was silent on the question of injunction, arbitration and the shorter work day, endorsed for the presidency the original "injunction judge," William Howard Taft? Is there any significance in the fact that the convention which en-

dorsed the "injunction judge" also appointed as the chairman of its committee on resolutions a gentleman who insists upon the "open shop" and refuses to grant the eight-hour day and recognition of the right of workmen to have a voice in the disposition of their labor?

The endorsement of William H. Taft for the presidency by any convention is an insult to three millions of wage-earners in this country. Taft set the pace for the injunction habit, and the result has been a violation of every God-given right of workmen. Taft was among the first of the federal judges to assume extra-constitutional power; the first to set aside the constitutional privileges of free speech and the right to peaceful assembly. His position has been amplified and improved upon by federal judges who have followed him.

And this is the man whom the republican convention of Nebraska endorses for the presidency and offers to the wage-earners of this and other states.

The Lincoln Commercial Club is going to run an excursion to the Black Hills for the purpose of booming Lincoln industries. In the meantime the members of the club boycott Lincoln made cigars and brooms, preferring to use and sell cigars made by the trust in eastern tenements and brooms made by Lee in the Nebraska penitentiary. Now wouldn't that jar you?

If William H. Taft runs for the presidency on his record as an injunction judge he will have the cordial support of Carnegie, Schwab, Morgan, Rockefeller, Harriman, Morgan, Parry, Post, VanCleave and the whole tribe of union haters. But can wage earners afford to support a candidate who is supported by these men?

Judge Jones of the federal bench has decided that an employe has a property right in the services of his employe. Will Judge Jones go the logical route and decide that an employe has a property right in his job?

It remains for the unionists of Oklahoma to profit by the things they succeeded in having grafted in the state constitution. And the way to do that is to keep right on electing union men to office, regardless of their party affiliations.

If the Lincoln Journal and Evening News would make as hot a fight for a "six-for-a-quarter street car fare as they are making for dollar gas, the people might be convinced of their sincerity and set to work to secure both.

City Clerk Pratt informs The Wage-worker that he is not a stockholder in the Lincoln Overall and Shirt Co., and that he has not been since early in his campaign for re-election to the city clerkship at the last election.

A Lincoln newspaper whose head men are heavily interested in the waterlogged Traction company is very severe in its strictures upon the Gas company in which its head men are not at all interested.

Mindful of conditions in his own print shop Chairman Hammond naturally omitted any reference to the short work day, the injunction and arbitration when he wrote the platform for his party.

The best way not to assist in building a Labor Temple in Lincoln is to holler "graft" at the loyal and energetic unionists who have put their shoulders to the wheel.

Will the Commercial Club again promote Lincoln institutions by employing an outside band to accompany it on its Black Hills excursion?

Our great and good friend, Charles W. Post, having seized Colliers' Weekly, is now loudly calling for help in letting go.

Boost the Labor Temple project. If you will not boost, at least have the courtesy to refrain from "knocking."

Lincoln industries can not be promoted by pushing the consumption of penitentiary made products.

The Labor Temple project is making good progress. It will move faster if you help shove.

Booming the label beats backing a boycott.

If it hasn't got the label, pass it up.

### THE BARBERS.

Secure Enforcement of the Sunday Closing Law in St. Paul. The barbers of St. Paul have won two notable victories in their struggle for an enforcement of the Sunday closing law, and they are in high spirits over their triumphs, with the determination they have already

shown to push the issue to a righteous conclusion strengthened and intensified. One case was that a barber named Leo Horner, an employe of Thomas M. McCullough, proprietor of the barber shop at 320 Sibley street, who last Sunday charged Michael Sears, a visiting Odd Fellow, \$2.50 for a hair cut. He was arrested on the complaint of the victim, and the barbers at once got busy with a heavy hand in the case. At the hearing yesterday Judge Hanft held him for the action of the grand jury, extortion being one of the charges against him, and fixed his bail at \$250. At the same time Mr. McCullough the proprietor of the shop, was fined \$10 and costs for violating the Sunday law, and as he was obliged to pay his lawyer \$25 for defending him, he has found his Sunday outing, or rather ining, a costly one. Let the good work go on, and the barbers say it shall.—The Union.

The journeymen barbers of Tacoma, Wash., have reached a compromise with the bosses whereby they are to receive \$16 per week and 60 per cent. of the earnings of their chairs over \$25.

Eight hundred union barbers in Chicago have been granted a new schedule of wages and working conditions by their employers.

### THE CARPENTERS.

Election of Officers Due at the Meeting Next Tuesday Evening.

Next Tuesday evening, October 1, will be the first meeting of the fourth quarter of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, Local No. 1055 of Lincoln. Election of officers for the ensuing term will be held and it is earnestly desired that a full attendance be had.

Anyone wanting carpenter work done should remember that it is not necessary to drive or walk all over the city to find a man or men to do the work. The carpenters' union maintains a business agent and a permanent headquarters just to obviate that difficulty. When in need of a carpenter just call up the business agent of the carpenters' union, Bell F2289 or Auto 5601, and the want will be supplied without expense or trouble. The union will take pleasure in sending a man to do the work.

All members of local No. 1055, Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, are hereby notified to bring their due books next Tuesday evening for comparison with the books of the financial secretary. This is in compliance with the law, and neglect or failure is punishable by fine. Your due books must correspond with the books of the financial secretary.

Work continues good and the outlook for a continuation is bright. More new members taken in at the last meeting, and applications on file. A carpenter whose religious scruples would not allow him to become a member of the union, found that they did not prevent him from asking Business Agent Bly for a union permit to work last week. The business agent couldn't understand such back-action scruples, so he declined to issue the permit.

Organizer Wm. Michler, of Missouri, has formed new unions at Mulberry, Girard, Manhattan and Dodge City.

The members of the three local unions of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America celebrated the twenty-first anniversary of their organization in Lancaster, Pa., on Monday evening.

The cities of Tacoma, Seattle and Spokane are overrun with carpenters, and travelers are earnestly urged to stay away from the coast until further notice.

For a long-time Milwaukee trades unionists have been talking about building a labor temple. The carpenters of that city have grown tired of hearing it, and have served notice that unless something is done by the unionists as a whole they will build a temple all by their own selves.

### MASHES HIS HAND.

"Jake" Groth, pressman at the Star, let his hand run in between the cylinders of the press the other day. He left a part of the hand in the press, but saved enough to use in the future.

### A Workingman's Viewpoint

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government that permits, such an unjust and dangerous distribution of the profits of the products of labor. And he asks: Who has done most to breed a class of spirit in this country? Who has done most to breed contempt for and defiance of law? Who is seeking to enforce the principle that "vested interests" are superior to human rights? If this country is drifting rapidly toward socialism as the only means to secure "equal and exact justice to all, special privileges to none"—who is responsible for it?

Again he asks: Is there no other punishment than fine—no adequate punishment—for the stock juggler, the stock waterer, the trust highbid-

der, the trust fund speculator, the criminally negligent trust manufacturer, the corrupter of the public press, the briber of local, state and national legislatures, and the exploiter of special franchises granted for the public welfare?

He asks in conclusion: If there is not enough intelligence, moral courage, honesty, manhood, and patriotism in the United States to put an end to special privileges, to corporate corruption and abuse of power, to plundering the people—no matter by what name it is called—and to make all men equal before the law, then is not socialism inevitable and preferable?

Will the present current of reform carry the ship of state safely across the growing demands of organized labor for socialism, and the lawless rapacity of the privileged classes, entrenched behind wealth and politics—until even the humblest citizen can say with truth and with pride: All men are equal before the law?

THORNTON WEST.

### BUSY BIJOU BOYS.

The unionists who are doing the work of rebuilding the Bijou theatre are working like beavers, and there is

a man working everywhere that a man can be used. The theatre will be ready by October 1, and will be opened up as an advanced vaudeville house. It will not only be one of the prettiest theatres in the west, but will compare with most of them in point of size. It will have every modern equipment, and Manager Gorman declares that the attractions will be in full keeping with the theatre itself.

### CENTRAL LABOR UNION.

General Apathy Continues to Stalk Around When the Body Meets. The Central Labor Union met Tuesday night, with six delegates representing five unions present. No committees reported anything accomplished since the last meeting.

Several communications were read and placed on file, and then the delegates discussed the situation for an hour.

Time was when a meeting of the central body called out from fifty to ninety delegates, representing from twenty to twenty-five unions. But that was several years ago.

It seems about time that something be done to inject a little life and vigor into the central body.

## Thinking About Coal

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Safety Pins, all sizes, black and white, 3 cards for	5c
Pins, 280 on a paper, 3 papers at	5c
5c Belt Pins, black and white, assorted sizes on paper,	
2 papers for	5c
Hat Pins, 6 pins on a card, 2 cards for	5c
Mourning Pins, black and white, 40 count, 5 boxes for	5c
Wire Hair Pins, 2 1-2 and 3 inches, per packet	1c
5c Hair Pin Cubes, 100 count, 2 for	5c
Rubber Hair Pins, 12 pins on a card, per card	10c
Brass Hook and Eyes, Jap, or Silver, all sizes, 3 cards at	5c
Hooks and Eyes, Jap, or Silver, all sizes, card	1c
Needle Emeries, regular 5c size, each	2c
Merrick 200 yard Sewing Cotton, per doz	60c
Basting Cotton, 40, 50 and 60, per doz	50c
Taffeta Seam Binding, 8 yard rolls, at	9c
6 inch Kid Curlers, 12 in a packet, regular 10c value, at	5c
15c Curling Irons at	10c
10c Curling Irons at	7c
5c Stocking Darners, 2 for	5c
10c Stocking Darners, Queen, at	7c
One lot of Feather Stitch Braid, white and colored, worth up to 25c per bunch, at	10c
Girdle Foundations, cut on the bias and can be shaped into any style you wish, each	15c
15c Dip Front Foundations, each	10c
10c Collar Foundations, each	5c
60c Stitched Edge Tape Measure, 2 for	5c
15c Dress Shield, all sizes, at	9c