

**THE LINCOLN FIREMEN.**

**Ordinance Increasing the Pay Should Be Adopted at Once.**

Justice to the members of the Lincoln Fire department demands that an ordinance be at once enacted increasing their pay. The proposed increase is small enough. It is proposed to grant an increase

of \$5 a month all along the line. At present first year men draw \$55 a month, second and third year men get \$65 and fourth year men get the maximum for common firemen, which is \$75. The blacksmith and the electrician get \$90 each, lieutenants get \$80 and captains \$85.

When one considers the enormous risk the firemen run, together with

the fact that they are on duty day and night, one is forced to admit that even the proposed salary for the 4-year men is only a reasonable minimum and not at all adequate as a maximum. Their services at one big fire under some weather conditions, like that one in the Halter block a few years ago, is enough to entitle them to a month's wages. People

love to prate about the "brave fire ladders," and the newspapers devote columns to their praises. Sometimes a grateful beneficiary of their services recognizes them to the extent of sending around a box of cigars, and on occasion some have even served coffee and sandwiches during a fire in freezing weather. But when it comes to giving the boys a living wage—well that's another matter. The taxpayer who jollies the boys along with talk about "brave firemen" kicks like a steer at the thought of paying them more money. Talk is mighty cheap, but it fails to provide meat and potatoes for the firemen and their families.

Come across with that increased salary for the firemen—and come quick.

**THE PLUMBERS.**

**Few in Numbers, But They Are Always in the Game.**

The union plumbers of Lincoln are not so many when it comes to numbers, but when it comes to getting into the union game they can always be counted on. The union met Monday night and "came across for the local striking telegraphers to the tune of about 75 cents per member. Then they unanimously renewed their subscription to The Wageworker.

Work has been rushing all season, with no apparent signs of slackening up yet.

The plumbers of St. Louis and vicinity, who struck July 1 on a demand of \$6 per day, have returned to work under a compromise by which they will receive \$5.30 per day until February 1, 1908, and thereafter \$5.70.

Plumbers' helpers, sewer and drain tile layers, cleaners and hammersmen belong to Federal Union 12222 in Spokane now receive \$3.25 a day instead of \$2.75. The scale will apply in all cases to an eight-hour day, with time and a half for overtime.

**BRICKLAYERS AGAIN REFUSE.**

**The Referendum Again Defeats the Proposition to Affiliate.**

Contrary to general expectations the Bricklayers have again defeated the proposition to affiliate with the American Federation of Labor. The defeat is attributed largely to the method of voting obtaining in the union. But there is violent opposition to affiliation. The Omaha Western Laborer says:

We asked a well known bricklayer why their union would not affiliate with the A. F. of L. and he said: "In a nutshell, the reason we do not affiliate with the federation is because we have built up one of the strongest labor unions in the United States alone; we win nine out of ten strikes; we are getting the money and we are having few strikes. If we affiliate we would be required to assist in financing other union's strikes and would become involved in sympathetic strikes. Such a policy would not add to our strength, or increase our wages. It is a cold business proposition; that's all."

**THE BARTENDERS.**

**Union Growing Stronger All Over the Country These Days.**

The union bartenders of Minneapolis are warming up to the union game in bully style. Last week they put house cards in three new places, and they secured applications from the bartenders in five other places. The business agent at Minneapolis is devoting most of his time to the work, and it is expected that the first of the year will see nearly every bar in the city "square."

Over in St. Paul the same state of affairs prevails. At the last meeting there, seven new members were obligated, and several applications on file were laid over. On October 1 the Minneapolis union will give its annual ball, and it promises to be a big event.

**IN FLOURISHING CONDITION.**

The biennial convention of the Protherhood of Railway Carmen of America met in Chicago recently with an attendance of nearly 400 delegates. The report of W. E. Donaldson, grand secretary and treasurer, shows the organization to be in a flourishing condition. There are now 471 locals, located in every state and territory in the United States and in every province of Canada, with a total membership exceeding 32,000.

The Loyal Star of America, the women's auxiliary, was also in convention. The order is now devoting its efforts chiefly to the raising of a fund for the establishment and maintenance of a home for disabled and indigent carmen. Free sites have been offered for the proposed home in Mississippi and Arkansas.

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**LINCOLN, NEBRASKA**

**UNION LABELS AND CARDS**

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**Organizations Using Labels.**

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| American Federation of Labor.    | Machine Printers and Color Mixers.            |
| Bakers and Confectioners.        | Machinists.                                   |
| Boilermakers.                    | Metal Polishers.                              |
| Blacksmiths.                     | Metal Workers, Sheet.                         |
| Boot and Shoe Workers.           | Molders.                                      |
| Brewery Workers.                 | Painters.                                     |
| Brickmakers.                     | Paper Box Makers.                             |
| Broommakers.                     | Paper Makers.                                 |
| Brushmakers.                     | Piano and Organ Workers.                      |
| Carriage and Wagon Workers.      | Plate Printers.                               |
| Carvers, Wood.                   | Powder Workers.                               |
| Cigarmakers.                     | Pressmen, Printing.                           |
| Cloth Hat and Cap Makers.        | Print Cutters.                                |
| Coopers.                         | Rubber Workers.                               |
| Engravers, Watch Case.           | Sawsmiths.                                    |
| Flour and Cereal Mill Employees. | Shirt, Waist and Laundry Workers.             |
| Fur Workers.                     | Stove Mounters.                               |
| Garment Workers, United.         | Tailors.                                      |
| Garment Workers, Lady.           | Textile Workers.                              |
| Glass Bottle Blowers.            | Tip Printers.                                 |
| Glass Workers.                   | Tobacco Workers.                              |
| Glove Workers.                   | Travelers' Goods and Leather Novelty Workers. |
| Gold Beaters.                    | Typographical.                                |
| Hatters.                         | Upholsterers.                                 |
| Horseshoers.                     | Weavers, Goring.                              |
| Jewelry Workers.                 | Weavers, Wire.                                |
| Lathers.                         | Wood Workers.                                 |
| Leather Workers on Horse Goods.  | Leather Workers.                              |

**ORGANIZATIONS USING CARDS.**

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| Actors.                         | Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen. |
| Barbers.                        | Musicians.                        |
| Clerks.                         | Musicians.                        |
| Engineers, Steam.               | Stage Employes, Theatrical.       |
| Firemen, Stationary.            | Teamsters.                        |
| Hotel and Restaurant Employees. |                                   |

The following crafts and callings are using the American Federation of Labor label: Artificial Limb Makers, Costumers, Badge and Lodge Paraphernalia Workers, Bottlers (Soda, Mineral Water and Liquor), Coffee, Spice and Baking Powder Workers, Cloth Spongers and Refinishers, Carbonic Gas Workers, Cigar Makers' Tools, Nail (Horse Shoe) Workers, Neckwear Cutters and Makers, Oyster Workers, Paint Workers, Photographic Supply Workers, Soap Workers, Soda and Mineral Water Workers, Starch Workers, Suspender Makers, Steel Case Makers.