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READY FOR THE CAMPAIGN.

The Temple Committee Preparing to Solicit Stock Subscriptions Soon.

The Labor Temple committee went all the way out to University Place last Monday evening to hold its meeting with the chairman, J. W. Dickson, who represents the Carpenters' Union. Chairman Dickson has faithfully attended every meeting, and the committee decided to meet with him just to show its appreciation of his faithfulness. The "bunch" collected at Twelfth and O streets and took a car for University Place, and after carefully ignoring the directions given managed to wander off into the tall and uncut. But it finally located the place and a short but profitable session was held.

Everything is now in readiness for the subscription campaign. Every local of every craft in the entire country will be solicited to take a few shares of stock in the Lincoln Labor Temple Association, not as a donation but as an investment. To this end each Lincoln local will send out under its own seal an appeal for stock subscriptions. The proper application blanks will be enclosed, together with every proof that the association means business and that the purchase of stock will be a good investment. Just as soon as a few hundred dollars have been paid in by local union men the committee will get busy with its local campaign and will endeavor to raise the money for the purchase of the site.

A sub-committee consisting of Rudy, Ihringer and Weckesser was appointed to look around for suitable sites and get definite prices on the same. The committee will report at the next meeting.

The committee decided to get out a badge in the shape of a button, the object being to sell them and raise money to defray the incidental expenses of the organization. This button will be of a design calculated to advertise the Temple project, and everybody interested will be expected to wear a button and become a booster for the association.

Each local represented on the Temple committee will be asked to defray the expenses of mailing the circulars asking for stock subscriptions from the local of its craft. It is believed that a goodly sum may be raised in this manner. There are something like 20,000 locals of the different affiliated crafts, and if an average of one share per local can be secured the work is practically half accomplished.

The committee has decided that it is no longer necessary to meet at private houses, and hereafter will meet at Chaplin & Ryan's barber shop, 127 North Twelfth street. The committee will meet every Monday evening until further notice.

The following committeemen were present at the meeting last Monday evening:

J. W. Dickson, Carpenters.
Fred Ihringer, Typographical.
Fred Ress, Bookbinders.
Alex Weckesser, Pressmen.
S. L. Chaplin, Barbers.
A. V. White, Plumbers.
T. C. Kelsey, Leatherworkers.
Al Walker, Bartenders.
O. M. Rudy, Electrical Workers.
Absent: T. W. Evans, Cigarmakers;
A. B. Woelhoff, Painters.
No new delegates reported, the unions not heretofore represented still being derelict in their duty.

A NEW SLAVERY.

What a Magazine Writer Found in Touring the Southern States.

Gilson Gardner, a magazine writer, who went South to find out the truth about that section's traffic in children reports that he found a new slavery. He found 60,000 children under fourteen years old in cotton mills. Some of them work all day, others work all night. Yes there are the state laws, but they are such dead letters that the southern children do not need to be coached about their ages. They are "eleven," going on "twelve." He found an "Industrial association" formed to fight child labor legislation. "We would rather have the children," said one foreman; "their hands are more nimble." He found mills paying 33 per cent dividends, exclusive of sinking funds and improvements.

The legislators in the states in which these conditions exist should make it their early concern to wipe out the disgrace.



Short Talks With the Business Men of Lincoln

Mr. Business Man, if some man could sit down in your office for ten minutes and demonstrate to you that he had a scheme which would increase your business ten per cent, without costing you one penny additional, what would you do?

Would you listen to him and then dismiss him?

If you had a superintendent who would pass up such an opportunity would you not dismiss him, or at least discipline him?

We can tell you how you can increase your business, perhaps more than 10 per cent, and the method costs you nothing.

Will you listen for a very few minutes?

The way to increase your business is to assist in bringing about industrial conditions that will result in better wages, better working conditions, better homes and better citizenship.

Do we need to submit figures to prove that a working population of 1,000 men earning an average of \$18 a week per man provides better consuming public than 2,000 men earning an average of \$9 a week? True the total amount of money is the same, but it isn't the patronage of the better paid man more profitable than the patronage of the underpaid man?

The way to insure a well paid consuming population is to assist those who are endeavoring to build up conditions that will benefit the wage earners—give them better wages, enable them to have better homes; permit them to send their children to school instead of into the shops, the mills and the factories; give them leisure hours in which to seek recreation, visit their families and better their knowledge of what constitutes right citizenship.

How may you know that you are doing this?

Let us be specific this time and point out, the course to pursue in just one industrial line. Let us point you to the label of the Allied Printing Trades. You will see a fac simile of this label in the heading to this article. That label stands for something, and it is our purpose to tell you what that something is.

It stands for good wages.

It stands for reasonable hours of work.

It stands for working conditions mutually agreed upon between the seller of the labor and the purchaser thereof.

It stands for the best class of workmanship, because the shops entitled to use that label secure the best workmen by paying the best wages.

Here is a fact that is as true of other trades unions as it is of the printing trades unions, and it is true of all:

Men who carry cards in the unions composing the Allied Printing Trades are never objects of public charity. Therefore you are never called upon to open your pocketbooks to keep them from starving or freezing.

Why is this true? First, because they are the first to find employment because of their skill. Secondly, because their unions see to it that they are cared for, and the union pays the bills, not as charity but as a fraternal duty thoroughly enjoyed.

There are two hundred members of the Allied Printing Trades in

Lincoln. There are one hundred and forty-eight printers, fifty pressmen, fifteen bookbinders and seventeen stereotypers and helpers. They comprise ninety-five per cent of the men working at these trades in Lincoln. They draw upwards of \$3,000 a week in wages. Their total annual wage approximates \$175,000. They work eight hours a day, thus having ample time in which to visit your place of business, to enjoy the companionship of their loved ones, and to seek that knowledge which makes for better citizenship.

We point you to this incontrovertible fact:

An industrial city thoroughly organized in its trades is always a city of comfortable homes, good business conditions and contented workmen.

Here is another incontrovertible fact:

A city that is not organized and in which the seller of labor has no voice in the disposition of his labor or the hours thereof, is always a city of hovels and shacks, of "pluck-me-stores," of discontented and discouraged workmen, of hopeless wives and of neglected children.

In which community would you prefer to live?

It is the aim of the Allied Printing Trades council to make Lincoln a city of homes, of contented workmen, of happy wives and well-cared-for children. This is enlightened selfishness, if you please. But it will be as profitable to you as it will to the workmen of the Allied Printing Trades. For that reason we want your help. We want you to demand the label of the Allied Printing Trades upon all your printing. At least, we want you to give your work to the shops that are entitled to use that label. We want you to do this for several reasons:

First, it will help us to better things.

Second, it will benefit our families, and therefore benefit Lincoln.

Third, it will prove to us that you are interested in our welfare and willing to lend us the encouragement of your aid.

It will help you for several reasons:

First, it will provide you with more customers who will have something more to buy than the bare necessities of life.

Second, it will insure you a better class of work without adding to the cost thereof.

Third, it will help you by increasing the number of home owners and therefore the number who divide among them the burdens of taxation.

"The non-union man has a right to live?"

Of course he has. But he has no right to drag others down to his level. Of two possible customers which would you choose if you could have but one of them: The man who was trying to better himself and his fellows, or the man who was indifferent both as to himself and to his fellows?

Think it over. You can help us in our efforts to secure better things; we can help you in your efforts to increase your business.

That's reciprocity in its highest and best sense.

Every time you demand the label of the Allied Printing Trades on your printing you are standing up for Lincoln and Lincoln's best business interests.

Isn't it the truth?

NOW GET INTO THE LABOR TEMPLE GAME

Several hundred union men have agreed to donate one day's wages towards the erection of a Labor Temple in Lincoln. The time has come. The Labor Temple Building Association has been organized and incorporated under the laws of Nebraska. The stock subscription books are now open. Every dollar subscribed entitles the donor to a share of stock and a voice in the association's affairs.

Money is needed at once. Let every man whose name is on this list come to the front. Let's all get busy. Hand your donation to the treasurer of your local, or send to Fred Ress, treasurer.

Now all pull together. Let's show the public that we mean business and are capable of doing business.

Come on, boys!

Capital Auxillary No. 11.
J. W. Dickson, University Place.
J. S. McCoy, 1203 U.
W. L. Mayer, 2335 Q.
C. H. Turner, 1200 P.
Alex Wickizer, 904 E.
C. E. Barngrover, 1330 N. 24.
C. B. Richter, 2308 Dudley.
W. C. Norton, 1533 N. 25.
H. W. Smith, 1725 F.
Bert Chipman, 705 S. 18.
Gus Sanders, 932 P.
Henry Hoos, 438 N. 14.
Ed. Fagan, 938 P.
C. A. Phelps, 27 S. 10.
Al Walker, 2301 S.
Grove Pylperkers, 228 N. 13.
Sam Landes, 812 H.
H. Sundean, 1844 P.
L. Spencer, 10 and N.
C. Penrod, 1422 O.
C. Fritz, 113 S. 9.
J. Wandler, 1021 Wood.
P. Biberstein, 146 S. 9.
Al Wendle, West A.
Bob Charters, 1960 T.
W. M. Maupin, 1216 G.
C. H. Bowers, 12 and O.
E. W. Aura, 2253 Dudley.
R. L. McBride, 1648 Q.
Charles Bowen, 1919 S. 16.
Arch Stephens, 2037 F.
J. W. Jewell, 1026 Q.
L. L. Ingraham, Uni. Place
G. E. Locker, 625 S. 18.
F. M. Coffey.
T. W. Evans, 128 S. 11.
O. M. Rudy, 1036 G.
R. W. Elliott, 510 N. 14.
C. M. Anderson.
B. B. Joslin, 2154 S. 14.
J. R. Cain, 908 Wood.
T. N. Jones, 208 N. 22.

W. K. Terwilliger, 1528 N. 19.
C. N. Castle.
Chas. Purce, 1002 Vime.
Ward Betzer, 812 E.
John Metzger, 904 N.
T. Bridges, 3103 Vir.
R. Winch, 1000 D.
James Lobaugh, Cent. Pub. Co.
C. A. Yates, New Century Co.
J. D. Bower, Ivy Press.
E. C. Werger, 1526 N.
A. M. Larimer, 410 N. 12th.
F. Pillar, 1223 Washington.
Otto Werger, 1526 N.
Bayard Vantine, 2735 Durley.
O. O. Robinson, Western Normal.
C. C. Pierce, 419 No. 10th.
H. G. Davis, 1200 P.
C. B. Mills, 639 S. 11.
G. H. Moore, 1926 R.
J. N. Hyder, 824 N. 14.
R. L. Metcalfe, 17th & C.
L. W. Parks.
C. J. Peterson, 2241 Holdrege.
E. E. Betz, 1448 P.
H. C. Probasco, F. & M. bank.
H. L. Rudy, 1036 G.
Mark Castor, 1419 G.
Louis Maupin, 1216 G.
Wm. Drummond, 511 N. 27.
Fred Ihringer, 1529 D.
W. H. Astley, 2619 Q.
Fred Mickle, 1925 S. 16.
Mr. and Mrs. Soandso.
Fred Brenner, 2150 U.
F. W. Kolb, 733 H.
C. H. Cameron, 136 N. 21.
Chas. Shelton, 391 T.
Faulhaber, Louis, 644 E. 19th.
W. A. Woodard, 3126 T.
C. H. Chase, 2005 N. 30th.
E. A. Coffman, 3235 P.
R. E. Traver, 1610 N. 27th.

A. C. Neese, 2734 Dudley.
H. Compton, 2541 Y.
J. L. Shelton, 391 T.
C. D. Folsom, 3010 P.
Ernest Shaw, 44th & W.
Frank Mayes, 323 S. 20.
E. L. Walters, 1846 M.
F. L. Ryan, 1144 O St.
Joe T. Hazels, 1144 O St.
J. E. Bixler, 1144 O St.
J. B. Leard, 1144 O St.
W. L. Morrifield, 1144 O St.
C. W. Axtell, 330 N. 28th.
E. D. Beard, 120 No. 11th St.
J. W. Cromwell, 120 No. 11th St.
G. L. Barbee, 120 No. 11th St.
H. Kehlenbach, 120 No. 11th St.
E. A. Patterson, 120 No. 11th St.
J. B. Biehn, 120 No. 11th St.
H. Parmelee, 120 No. 11th St.
Chas. Brown, 120 No. 11th St.
A. R. McConaughy, 120 No. 11th St.
Burgaman, H., 2201 Holdrege.
George Quick.
Frank Smith, 1725 P.
H. F. Schultze, 1144 O St.
H. W. Essex, 1144 O St.
F. Cool, 1144 O St.
W. C. Miller, 1144 O St.
George Loar, 313 S. 20th.
E. S. Chevront, 539 S. 7th.
J. H. Buchs, 728 N. 11th.
John Brown, 2038 P.
Jacob Weber, 219 F.
W. D. King, 2030 M St.
Alex Weckesser, 904 E.
E. H. Zubrigen, 14th and Peach.
W. S. Brown, 1418 F.
A. M. Swigart, 826 G.
Mark Carveth.
H. C. Dalrymple, 13th & N Sts.
Frank W. Brown, Jr.
Jay Worley, 2011 K.
H. P. Van Dercreek, 1705 N.
A. A. Hall, 2743 D.
Ed. English, 1933 U.

J. B. Estes, 1344 J.
A. V. White, 1737 N.
J. K. Wilson, 2230 Sheldon.
G. C. Warner, 134 So. Twelfth.
N. K. Howard, 1202 M.
Chas. Burns, 846 No. Twenty-six.
Fred Ress, 1201 B.
W. T. Abbott, Lin. Tel. Co.
Rev. S. Z. Batten.
Gov. George L. Sheldon.
F. A. Kates, 1020 K.
Fred Eissler, 111 A.
S. C. Foster, 437 N. 10.
Nelson, 2122 H.
C. H. Fowler, 1229 N. 26.
R. R. Cooper, 1237 S. 27.
O. T. Stowell, 347 S. 24.
Chas. S. Smith, 2218 Holdrege.
R. J. Adams, 236 N. 19.
G. A. Noyes, 1144 R.
Ernest Eissler, 111 A.
J. M. Quick, 1445 N. 25.
A. R. Gibson, 2135 L.
J. A. Chambers, 425 S. 30.
S. D. Swab, 1536 N. 28.
C. E. Mellor, 2149 S. 15.
August Radebach, 1721 P street
I. R. DeLong.
H. Waack, 429 So. Eleventh.
W. W. Weger, 836 S. 23d.

FISH AND FOWL.

The Santa Fe railroad has just granted an increase to the telegraphers. But the Santa Fe is still holding out against the just demands of the machinists. In the meanwhile the engines continue to pile up in the "bone yard" and the traveling and freight paying public continues to suffer by the stupidity and selfishness of the Santa Fe management.

THE LABOR EDITOR.

A Strong Plea for the Men Who Keep the Altar Fires Burning.

There is a peculiar twist in the human mind which leads it to believe that a thing is so because it is in print. The fact that a newspaper has said things thus and so is to most folks sufficient evidence that it is true. We need not stop to analyze this curious psychological delusion.

To some editors this fact is a congratulation. But the true "moulder of public opinion" seeks to arouse the thinking machine of his constituency. He is really an educator. He is one of the most important factors in the development of the human race. But he is not infallible. He will be the first to admit it. He is tempted in all points like as we are, and he is not without sin.

My observation of the labor editors of this country has led me to have for them the greatest respect. Many of them are engaged in a most difficult task. Often the support which is given them is insufficient to permit them to do their best work in behalf of labor. They should receive the most cordial co-operation of the rank and file, as well as that of the leaders.

They are really very human. They are glad to receive helpful suggestions. They expect the "knocks" and they are not disappointed. But there are other ways of boosting the labor press. The editor appreciates it when he is told that he has said or done a good thing through his paper. Tell him about it.

As a rule, he needs the money. He eats the same kind of food that the rest of us eat—when he can get it. Some of us have apparently concluded that he lives on ink. But even ink costs money. And the market price is advancing. He wears the same kind of clothes. He lives in the same kind of a house and he deals with the same kind of a landlord.

Just for the fun of it—let's give him a boost—in just the way that you know best.—Rev. Charles Stelzle.

MUSICIANS ORGANIZE.

Musical Union Perfected and Charter Will Be Applied For.

For several weeks the musicians of the city have been quietly talking up an organization. Last Monday evening some thirty of them met by appointment and signed an application for a charter. This will be forwarded at once, and in due time the musicians of the city will be union men, belonging to an organization affiliated with the American Federation of Labor.

The Wageworker congratulates the musicians of Lincoln on their action, and it here and now tenders them every assistance at its command. If they want anything at the hands of this little labor paper, all they need to do is to ask for it.

It has taken time to get the local musicians warmed up to organizing. No one opposed it, but no one seemed disposed to take the lead. Finally some "live ones" made the start, and the thing was done.

Here's to the new union. Long may it live and prosper.

THE CENTRAL LABOR UNION.

Will Meet Next Tuesday Evening and Things Are Looking Up.

The Central Labor Union will meet next Tuesday, evening and the indications are that the body has taken on a new lease of life. The last meeting was one of the largest for several months, and several delegates who have been derelict were in attendance and promised to be faithful hereafter.

The central body meets in Bruse's hall on South Tenth street. It is proposed to make a concerted demand on the American Federation for the services of an experienced organizer in this territory for several months. It is a fact that the central west has been sadly neglected by the Federation, and as a result things are not in as good shape as they ought to be, and as they would be if the matter had been given proper attention. Omaha and Lincoln have been sending in the per capita for a number of years, but they haven't seen any benefits locally as yet. There ought to be thirty or forty more locals in this state, and there would be if an organizer came into the district and got busy. Fremont, Alliance, Grand Island, Hastings, Kearney, North Platte and Sidney offer splendid opportunities for organization.