

A PRINTER "DOPE SHEET"

No union printer who has been at all in touch with current events has had any doubt for a considerable time past that the administration of the affairs of the International Typographical Union has been conducted in the manner of a huge personal and political machine.

The pretense that this is not so has been dropped. There is no longer any serious attempt to conceal it. Letters containing more or less piteous appeals are being sent out to individual printers all over the country. The appeal in every case is for votes for the head of the machine.

Those letters are in every case signed "James M. Lynch." They are enclosed in every case in stamped envelopes, the cost of which has been paid out of the funds of the International Typographical union.

A number of these begging letters of Mr. Lynch are being passed from hand to hand among the printers of St. Paul. Many of them have found their way into this office and they make mighty interesting reading.

Last week "Farmer" Hays, Jim Lynch's man Friday, was in this city on an "organizing trip." He handled a number of prints for votes for the boss. He was in Minneapolis. He was here "organizing," of course—organizing to hold his job under Lynch. He is now back in Indianapolis unless he has left that town recently. And, coincident with his return, it may be remarked, incidentally, many of Mr. Lynch's begging letters were written to those of the St. Paul printers with whom, as "Farmer" Hays no doubt advised the boss, missionary work by Lynch himself might be effective.

Some unkindly comparisons have been made between the relative cost of organizing a single local of the Typographical union under Lynch and under his predecessors. That fact is not surprising. The figures of "expenses" of the favorite organizers, published each succeeding month in the Typographical Journal, dispense with all thought of surprise. Just what the "expense" of Mr. Hays' organizing trip up in these parts last week will be to the printers who are asked to keep him in office will be made more or less plain in the next issue of that Journal.

Meanwhile, we printers here in St. Paul have Mr. Hays' assurance that Henry Street Hudspeth is a mere lightweight—which Mr. Lynch surely is not physically, however the fact may be as to his mentality. And meanwhile, also, dissatisfaction continues to grow among printers here and elsewhere that the cost of sending Mr. Hays and other organizers all over this country to disseminate this important information does not seem to admit of any reduction.

Credence is not given in this office to the statement which some printers are giving currency to that if Mr. Lynch is re-elected he will ask for another raise in pay. While he asked for it and continued to ask for it and

would brook no refusal, even while thousands of printers were without work all over the country, and while other heads of international unions refused to receive it on account of prevailing idleness, it is not creditable that there is, even in the principal office at Indianapolis, enough nerve prevalent to justify any such belief.

There is only one sure way to put a stop to too much "organizing" and to prevent any further increase in official salaries, and that is for all sensible printers to vote for the election of Henry Street Hudspeth for president of the I. T. U.—Minnesota Union Advocate.

Lincoln Typographical Union No. 209 will meet next Sunday afternoon. There is business of importance to transact. If the union is represented at Boston next August it will be necessary to provide "ways and means" at Sunday's meeting, as an assessment will be necessary, and the constitution requires a thirty days' notice before an assessment can be voted on.

It will not be too early, either, to appoint a committee to arrange for Memorial Sunday.

Special Organizer F. M. Coffey came down from Fremont Sunday, and spent the night. He was on his way to Kansas City to meet Organizer Brady.

Evans Tyree, Jr., a bright young colored member of the Chicago Typographical union, was in town this week with the Columbian Tennessee Jubilee Singers. Mr. Tyree's father is a bishop in the African Methodist church. The young man is very proud of his membership in the Typographical union. He visited the Home while in the city.—Colorado Springs Labor News.

Frank Kennedy came down from Omaha Tuesday and was an interested spectator at the meeting of the Democratic Editorial association. He accepted Mr. Bryan's invitation to dinner, and when called upon for a few remarks made a characteristic speech.

"I've been waiting twelve years for this opportunity to stick Mr. Bryan for a meal," he said. "My only regret is that it wasn't served a la carte, so I could stick him proper. I'm glad to be here. I went with Bryan in 1896 and again in 1900. I couldn't go with him when he went with Parker, but I'm going with him this year. And if he don't get there, then I'm going with him again four years from now."

In the circuit court of Indiana, F. H. Gudneck was recently fined \$10 and costs for using the printers' label. He was permanently enjoined from using it again without first getting authority from the I. T. U.

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ings' scalp to his belt, the editor of the official Journal woke up, and the way he roasted Stillings was a fright. The editor of the Journal is always subsequent in that kind of a fight. Ever notice it?

The printerman of Lincoln who failed to attend the Auxiliary "Hard Times" party Friday night missed a mighty pleasant time. It was the

most successful of many successful socials pulled off by this splendid organization.

Secretary-Treasurer Bramwood went to the Ohio Typographical conference to "organize."

AMONG THE BARBERS.

Newsy Notes About the Knights of Razor and Shears.

Some radical changes are taking place in the barber business in Lincoln. The Barthelman shop is going to move to Twelfth street between O and N, and the barber shop in that location will move to North Fourteenth street. N. A. Otis has retired from the business, at least for a while, and is now engaged in the restaurant business. He is conducting the "caterer" in the Davis flats at Twelfth and P streets. Here's hoping he will make a fortune.

C. H. Pierce is another one who has laid down the razor and gone at something else. He is now ringing up fares on the Citizens' Street Railway Co. lines.

M. V. Radford, who walked out of the Pioneer shop when the card was taken down, is now in the Apex shop, Tenth and O.

The Boss Barbers' association of St. Louis and the Journeymen Barbers' Union have formed a joint board, composed of three members from each organization, for the purpose of adjusting any differences that may arise from time to time.

LIGHTED BILL AS A SIGNAL.

Cost Man Twenty Dollars, But Probably Saved Foot.

Stuart Dunbar, an insurance broker of Des Moines, Iowa, while on his way to meet a party of friends, fell or a cattle guard of the railroad tracks of the Chicago & Northwestern and caught his foot in such a manner that he would have been crushed to death beneath the wheels of an approaching hand-car had it not been for his presence of mind, and igniting a \$20 bill and holding it over his head as a signal of danger, he attracted the attention of the occupants of the hand-car.

ACCUSE WOMAN OF KILLING.

Stake in Poker Game Takes Active Part in Fight.

Eunice Spencer is under arrest charged with murdering Charles Wesley in his home at Columbia, Miss. It is said that Miss Spencer was the stake in a poker game in which Wesley and P. F. Coombs were the players. Each of the players won

two games and in the deciding game with one point to go out Coombs accused Wesley of cheating. In the fight that followed Wesley had Coombs on the floor with a knife at his throat. At this moment Miss Spencer is said to have seized a rifle and shot Wesley, who died in a few moments. Miss Spencer claims that the killing was accidental.

BUSINESS REVIVAL IS SLOW.

James J. Hill Says it Will Take Time to Restore Normal.

In discussing business conditions, James J. Hill, expresses himself as unable to predict an early revival of business.

"While I cannot permit myself to be too optimistic," he said, "I am trying not to be pessimistic. The general recovery of business which has been predicted has not yet manifested itself to any remarkable degree and it is not to be expected that it should. The prevailing conditions were not brought about over night; they are the result of events of many months and a revival will no doubt be correspondingly graduated."

Avert Street Car Strike.

A threatening strike of street car employes in Pittsburg, Pa., has been averted temporarily by an agreement reached between the men and the Pittsburg Railway Company by which the present wage scale will be continued during negotiations for an adjustment of the dispute.

Tribesmen Make a Killing.

Advices from Gen. d'Amade, in Morocco, state that in clearing operations in the Madakra country, a small detachment of cavalry was surprised by 300 tribesmen. The cavalry lost eight men killed, including two officers, and 12 wounded.

Gomez Is Re-elected.

Senor Gomez was re-elected to the assembly from the First district of Manila to fill the seat vacated by his recent expulsion from the house. The probable action of the assembly has not been announced, but it is understood it will not receive the expelled member.

Will Refuse to Pay Tax.

President Chambers of the Montgomery (Ala.) Light and Water Power Company has given notice that he will refuse to pay the state tax on intangible assets, holding that the law is unconstitutional.

Indian Outlaw Killed.

Charles Wycliffe, the notorious Indian outlaw long sought by the authorities, was shot and killed by his brother, Thomas, in a family quarrel at the Wycliffe home, 20 miles east of Pryor Creek, Okla.

Six Hundred Men Laid Off.

At the close of work in the Reading Railroad Company's car and locomotive shops Tuesday, 600 employes were laid off. The revival in

the coal trade has apparently not stimulated work at the shops, as was expected.

Is Denied a Rehearing.

The supreme court of Missouri denied a rehearing of the murder case of A. C. Biles, alias Frank Daly of Kansas City, under sentence to be hanged in St. Louis on June 3.

Arrives at New Orleans.

The president's yacht Mayflower, with Mrs. Roosevelt and her guests on board, arrived in New Orleans March 31. Governor Blanchard and several of the personal friends of the president met the party and extended a greeting in the name of the state and city.

Trouble is Averted.

Imminence of violence by the striking miners at the Treadwell (Alaska) mines seems to have been averted by the arrival of the troops.

WILL ASK FOR REHEARING.

Attorney General Young Not to Give Up Railroad Fight.

An application for a rehearing with a request for a definite explanation of the court's findings in the Minnesota attorney general habeas corpus case will probably be made to the supreme court of the United States by Attorney General Young of Minnesota and those associated with him in the matter of the commodity rate injunction suits. Pending this application and the court's answer, the question of a call for a special session of the legislature will be held in abeyance.

Nathan B. Hawkins of Portland, Ind., was nominated for congress by the Republicans of the Eighth district on the 761st ballot.

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