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Taught Concerning The Label's Meaning

Nearly fifteen hundred people attended the union label exhibition at the Auditorium Wednesday night, and the earnest attention and words of appreciation uttered afterwards was a guarantee that they had been entertained and instructed. From the entertainment standpoint it was the equal of any picture show ever given in Lincoln, and as an object lesson in unionism it is bound to work great good to the union labor movement in this city.

Every label shown upon the screen, and there were nearly fifty of them, was greeted by applause, especially those standing for local unions here in Lincoln. The explanations accompanying each label were terse and to the point, and the results will be noticed in the increased demand for goods bearing the label shown.

The Musicians' Union furnished a band for the occasion, and its music helped to swell the crowd and entertain it while it was gathering. The gentlemen representing the International Boot and Shoe Workers' Union, under whose auspices the entertainment was given, distributed literature and handsome and serviceable souvenirs to the people as they gathered. Without doubt it was the largest audience that ever gathered in Lincoln in the interests of trades unionism, and it was given much to think about and act upon.

Mr. C. J. Morrow, the lecturer, has a pleasant voice and the happy faculty of saying a whole lot in a few words. As each label appeared upon the screen he explained what it stood for and made an earnest appeal for the support of the men and women for whose betterment it stood. His explanation of what the trades union movement seeks to accomplish was stated in plain and simple, but forceful, language, and many people present, who had never given a thought to the evils of child labor and sweatshops were enlightened as to their duty to themselves and to their fellows.

Mr. Arthur Elphinstone sang four songs, all of them of the popular order and accompanied by interesting illustrations. Mr. Elphinstone has a clear, resonant voice and he at once won the hearty good will of the big audience. He was compelled to repeat the chorus of every song he sang. Mr. Hudson, the pianist, is a skilled musician and his accompaniments and his instrumental work was complimented highly. He is a resident of Chicago, where he stands high in musical union circles. It was a rare pleasure to hear him. Mr. Harry Berry, the regular electrician, was called back to Chicago from Fremont Tuesday by the sad news that his wife was dying. His absence and the cause thereof cast a gloom over his traveling companions. Mr. Turner, a member of the Electrical Workers' Union at Fremont, filled Mr. Berry's place here, and accompanied the entertainers to Kansas City Thursday.

The moving pictures were highly entertaining, and too much praise can not be accorded the general excellence of their presentation. But, with all due credit to the singer and to the musician, after all the best of the entertainment was wrapped up in the clear, concise and pithy remarks of Mr. Morrow. There is a deeper purpose than mere entertainment behind this enterprise. It is an educational movement, and it appeals not only to trades unionists but to all consumers of manufactured products. Mr. Morrow has studied the question of unionism thoroughly and presents its objects and aims better, perhaps, than any man who has spoken on the subject in Lincoln. Union men of every craft owe a debt of gratitude to the International Boot and Shoe Workers' Union for its enterprise in providing such an unique way of putting the trades union question before the public.

To the unions wherever this body of earnest unionists may go, the wageworker commends their entertainment as a magnificent success in satisfying the demand for the union label and in putting unionism as it really is before the general public.

THE TEMPLE DIRECTORS.

Getting Ready for a Publicity Campaign That Will Win.

The board of directors of the Labor Temple Association met in regular session Monday evening. The chief business transacted was to arrange for all possible publicity at the label exhibition at the Auditorium Wednesday night, and at the meeting addressed by Miss Haley Thursday night. A committee was also appointed to confer with several eminent business men regarding a plan of promotion. This committee will seek sound advice as to ways and means.

The committee appointed to arrange a "publicity meeting" asked for a week's further time on account of the absence from the city of a gentleman who has promised to help, and whose assistance is of vital importance.

A communication was received from a local real estate firm offering several sites for the temple, thus demonstrating the fact that the project is being recognized by business men, even if a majority of union men seem negligent in according recognition. The communication was placed on file. The perspective view of the proposed temple is being exhibited in Mayer Bros. window this week.

At the next meeting a report of the financial condition of the association will be submitted. At this meeting, too, the "publicity committee" will submit its report, and it is important that all directors be present. This committee is framing up something that will attract everybody's attention.

THE CARPENTERS.

Brief Bits About Knights of Jack Plane and Saw.

The Brotherhood of Carpenters is figuring on a home for its old and disabled members, similar to the Union Printers' Home at Colorado Springs, Col. General Secretary Frank Duffey of the carpenters recently visited Colorado Springs and inspected the printers' home, expressing himself as quite favorably impressed with his investigation. The carpenters have about 250,000 members, and \$1 from each would build the home, while an assessment of 5 cents per member per month would more than maintain it. It is not a question of "can" the carpenters do this but only a question of "do they want to."

The United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners has advanced the wages in hundreds of localities throughout the country and placed fully \$8,500,000 more in pay annually in the pockets of its members. It has reduced the hours from nine per day to eight in 480 cities, and from ten per day to nine in 791 other cities, not to mention many other localities in which it has established the eight and nine hour workday. Through the shortening of hours upward of 30,000 more workmen have secured employment throughout the country.

A strike of carpenters in Springfield, Illinois, who demanded an increase in wages from 40 to 50 cents an hour, was brought to an end last Monday. The men accepted a compromise offer of contractors of 42 1/2 cents an hour. The "bench men" are still out.

LET THIS SOAK IN.

And It Has, Perhaps You Will Know a Thing or Two.

Let this soak in gradually. Don't try to absorb it all in one single gulp, else it may clog your intellect: the renter of a house pays for its maintenance, its taxes and a profit (over and above all expense) to the owner, or the aforesaid renter is handed his walking papers. Even the courts will step in and tell you to vacate, if the owner so desires. And when you hear some fute-mouthed politician singing the sweet song of protection for the property owner "who pays all the taxes," just tell him to patronize a night school until he learns a grain of "old horse" sense.—Jacksonville Central Union Times.

PRINTERS' MEMORIAL DAY, MAY 31

Sunday, May 31, will be observed by Lincoln Typographical Union No. 209, and Capital Auxiliary No. 11, as "Printers' Memorial day."

It was Lincoln Typographical Union that inaugurated the movement which resulted in recognition of this annual observance by the International, and it is now a part of the general laws of the organization. On the last Sunday in May of every year, printers all over the United States and Canada, meet to pay a tribute of respect and love to the departed comrades of the craft. Lincoln printers, assisted by their wives, sisters, mothers and daughters will on that day lay the most fragrant blossoms upon the graves of those who have taken "30" from life's hook, and cashed their final "strings."

Following is the program of the morning and afternoon services of the day:

SUNDAY MORNING

The Union and Auxiliary will meet at the north entrance of the State House, promptly at 10:15, and at 10:30 will proceed in a body to the First Baptist church. Rev. Samuel Zane Batten, pastor, will deliver the memorial sermon. Special music will be prepared for this occasion.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

At 3:15 the Union and Auxiliary will meet at Fraternity hall, N street entrance, and at 3:30 take special cars to Wyuka cemetery. At the Typographical Union's burial lot special memorial exercises will be held.

- Song....."Nearer, My God, to Thee".....Assembly
- Prayer.....Rev. J. Mickel.....
- Song....."Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me".....Quartette
- Address.....L. D. Woodruff.....
- Honorary Member No. 209.....
- Address.....J. R. Bain.....
- President No. 209.....
- Decoration of Burial Lot.....Union and Auxiliary
- Doxology.....Assembly

Members of the Union and Auxiliary, and friends of the two organizations, are requested to bring flowers to the cemetery. But two of the twelve deceased members buried in Wyuka are buried in the union's lot, and owing to the distances apart the entire decoration service will be held at the lot. The roll of the dead will be called, and as the name is called flowers will be spread upon the sod. Every member of the Union and Auxiliary is urged to attend both the morning and afternoon memorial services.

THE PLUMBERS.

What the Boys are Doing to Keep Things Moving Along.

The St. Louis plumbers have won out. They have returned to work at the scale in force last year, after being out several weeks against a demand from the boss plumbers that wages be reduced 50 cents a day.

If every union in Lincoln would "come through" like the Plumbers' Union when something calculated to benefit all is proposed, there would be big doings. The Labor Temple-Plumbers' Union averaged a little over \$6 per member, cash down, and promised more. The late exhibition—the plumbers averaged 25 cents a man and promised to help make up any reasonable deficiency.

Journeyman plumbers went on strike in Cincinnati, Ohio, last week over the contention of signing up the expired agreement for another two years as against the proposition of the Master Plumbers' association for one year. The union's object in signing up for two years, as heretofore, is to avoid the annual controversy, which is bound to spring up each time the agreement expires, between the two parties concerned.

This seems to be the only hitch and objection of the masters' association, and, while they are squabbling over it, the journeymen's union is going around and signing up agreements with individual concerns and has signed up with forty-five firms out of a possible ninety. Twelve of the forty-five signed up are among the largest plumbing concerns in that city. The outlook is very bright for an early settlement in favor of the union.

WE DO NOT PATRONIZE BUCK STOVES AND RANGES!



The above is a reduced fac simile of the traveling card issued by Denver Typographical Union No. 49 to J. D. Woodruff, managing partner of the Woodruff-Collins Printing Co. of this city. The card is just a quarter of a century old, and was found a couple of weeks ago by Mr. Woodruff while going through some old papers. He drew the card and came to Nebraska. He started a weekly paper in northeastern Nebraska and ran it with varying success for sev-

A Few Facts Gleaned From the Local Field

Did you notice any of the society women at the label exhibition Wednesday night? Notice any of the women who are prominent in the Woman's club? Notice any of the leaders in educational work?

Well, hardly. Such a trivial matter as trying to save children from industrial slavery and brighten the future of those who toil for a daily wage do not appeal to these classes. What's a child slave in comparison with the pressing question of "How to care for and preserve Oriental rugs?" What's the use of wasting time in trying to help a lot of greasy mechanics when duty demands the solving of the grave problem of passing the impossible and scruting the inscrutable?

O, dear, how can you expect us sassify women to spend an evening in listening to drivel about these common working people when we must frame up some new social stunt that will get us a column or two in the sassify columns of the Sunday papers? Don't waste time telling us about the miserable little brats who are forced to work in the mills and mines. We've no time to waste on them when Fido and Buster and Bowser are demanding so much of our attention lest they get feds, or distemper, or are demoralized by associating with these plebian dogs that have no pedigree.

These miserable working people ought not expect us to listen to their tales of woe. Really, we pay them for their work, don't you know? What we want to know is how to preserve our Oriental rugs, not how to care for the unfortunate and the helpless; how to raise pet dogs, not how to raise children; how to pull off social stunts, not how to study economics and industrialism.

That's why a big majority of the women who attended the label exhibition Wednesday evening were merely the wives of workmen.

A HANDSOME DISPLAY.

Enterprising Firm Takes Advantage of a Golden Opportunity.

Mayer Bros. were quick to seize the opportunity afforded by the visit of the entertainers sent out by the International Boot and Shoe Workers' Union, and dressed up the display windows of their shoe department with the largest and handsomest display of union-made shoes for men and women ever seen in Lincoln. Mr. Morrow, in charge of the entertainment, certainly knows boots and shoes when he sees them, and he paid Mayer Bros. a handsome and deserved compliment for their enter-

prise and for the interest they displayed in handling union-made shoes. The display was handsomely arranged, and placards set forth the pleasing fact that every shoe in the window bore the union stamp. And the man or woman who could not be suited from the line shown would be difficult indeed to please.

THIRD ANNIVERSARY.

Locomotive Engineers' Auxiliary Will Celebrate With Trolley Ride.

Monday, May 25, is the third anniversary of the organization of the Auxiliary to the local division of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and the occasion will be duly celebrated with a trolley ride about the city. The members of the auxiliary and the local division, together with friends, will meet at the corner of Tenth and O, and promptly at 7:30 p. m. will board special cars and proceed to make a tour of Lincoln and suburbs.

Complete arrangements have been made for an outing that will be pleasant and entertaining, and all members and friends are cordially invited.

RAYMOND ROBINS.

The Central Labor Union feels greatly encouraged by the success of the two revival meetings this week, and now is determined to go ahead and keep up the good work. An effort will be made to secure an address from Raymond Robins at some date in the near future. Mr. Robins is admittedly the most forceful exponent of industrial organization in America. A student, an observer and a thinker, he has no superior on the platform today.

THE MUSICIANS.

The Musical Mutual Protective Union has notified the Theatrical Managers' Association of Greater New York that a substantial raise in the scale will be demanded at the beginning of the next theatrical year. The managers are said to look upon the demand as prohibitive. The union has a membership of upward of 5,000.

A BAD OVERSIGHT.

John Mitchell, of the Miners, is a guest of President Roosevelt this week, as one of the "Five Greatest Americans." Just why the strenuous one in the White House overlooked another of America's great ones, I do not know, but I will leave it to Jerome Jones, "Sadie Maguire," or Will M. Maupin that he could have easily made it six if he wanted real greatness.

NO MONEY WHATSOEVER SHALL BE INDORSED ON THIS CARD.

Certificate of Membership

This is to Certify, That L. D. Woodruff the bearer hereof, is a Member in good standing of the Denver Typographical Union No. 49 of the State of Colorado, and is entitled to the friendship and good offices of all Unions under the jurisdiction of the International Typographical Union.

Given under our hands and the Seal of the Union, at Denver this 8th day of October 1908

Edw. Higgins President
O. L. Smith Secy.

THIS CARD EXPIRES IN SIX MONTHS FROM DATE.

A VALUABLE SOUVENIR

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