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### Cotton Baby Blankets

**White Cotton Baby Blanket**, with pink or blue borders, size 30x40 inches; 50c value 39c pair



### SOME PLAIN TALK.

A Country Newspaper Discusses the Omaha Situation.

Though the reports are censured by the metropolitan press, the facts have leaked out that Arthur Brandies and Gordon Wattles, president of the Omaha street railway, mixed in a London prize ring engagement over the street car strike.

Wish we could have been there to hold the bottle for Brandies. That man Wattles is the first of his species in the west. His is a tribe we do not want to increase. Of questionable commercial antecedency, he was the proper agent for those eastern exploiters of Omaha's public service uplifters.

The few walks we had to take in Omaha were healthful, but the scurvy plug-uggles imported to operate those cars were an insult to western civilization.

They might do in some of the eastern cities where the majority of the laboring element do not speak the English language, but not in Nebraska.—Creighton, Nebr., Liberal.

### THE CIGARMAKERS.

**Business Picking Up and the Outlook Growing Some Brighter.**

Business is picking up in cigar making lines, and as a result more men are at work in Lincoln than for several months. Pepperberg has added four or five men to his force since the first of the month, and Cinberg has also been compelled to add a few.

John Steiner has quit business for himself and may now be found at a bench in the Pepperberg factory.

T. W. Evans left the last of this week for a month's visit with friends and relatives in Ohio and Kentucky. He will spend a week or two with his brother at Cleveland.

W. C. Linder has gone to Portland, Ore., where he will work for a time. The best wishes of a host of friends will go with him.

## THE RAPIDLY INCREASING COST OF LIVING

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A few weeks ago the Central Labor Union of Lincoln appointed a committee to inquire into the cost of living, this being a part of the educational campaign marked out by that body. The work of conducting the inquiry was given to Rev. Mr. Zenor, pastor of the East Lincoln Christian church and fraternal delegate to the central body from the Ministerial Union. Rev. Mr. Zenor devoted considerable time to the inquiry, visiting and talking with craftsmen and laborers in various parts of the city, and the following report is the result of his investigations. He says:

"If you turn to the daily press, or to those who depend upon it for information, you will read or hear words to the effect that 'these are the best times we ever saw—good prices for everything and good wages for everybody.'

"The writer can remember a few years ago, when we were told that we had the worst times that the American people ever saw; and I am still inclined to believe most of it—because there are so many people out of work, or did not find work at any price, and we were told that they could not find it. We were then told that the cause of that hard pressure was due to over-production, to not having sufficient money with which to transact the business of the country, to 'political inefficiency,' to 'the extravagance of the labor classes,' to 'too high living, domestic incompetency' and, in fact, almost any man you would chance to meet knew just what was the matter, and also had just the remedy that would bring about the desired results, and that speedily.

"It was in this year that it was said, 'we have not less than a million of idle men and they are on the road; and we by our indiscriminate charity have made a million tramps.' Who does not recall General Coxe's or General Kelley's army, or the terse expression, 'keep off the grass,' but now worn out and trite, although seen every day upon some sward. Who cannot recall the hot times in which men standing on the street engaged in discussion of the 'hard times,' the hue and cry of politics, the 'full dinner pail,' or the one more terse, 'Washington was the father of our country, Lincoln freed the slave and Grover Cleveland gave the laboring man a rest.'

"Those were hard times indeed; for the man who was able to find work accounted himself fortunate; but the wages—oh, what were they? I myself was then working on a salary of just one-half of what I am now receiving. But was that one-half quite as efficient with which to purchase the necessaries of life as the double amount now is? True, wages have advanced a great deal since then, but have they kept pace with the advance of the cost of living, with rents and taxes and other items?

"At the time used as a short introduction to this paper I was living in the commonwealth of Nebraska, and a few of the then living prices will certainly not be out of order. I copy the prices from my day-book kept at that time. I paid for the best flour 90 cents per 100 pounds. The other day I paid \$1.80 for a sack of 48 pounds, or practically four times as much as in the hard times. I then paid 10 cents for just as good butter as I can now get for 30 cents per pound. I pay here from 8 to 22 cents for meat no better than I got for from 3 to 10 cents per pound, and the same comparisons hold good through the entire grocery line. The same is also true of vegetables of all kinds, of clothing, of furniture and household goods. In fact, of everything except coal and wood.

"But let us stop this generalizing, and get down to real specific statements of the cost of living today in the city of Lincoln. Let us take the average family of six persons. By actual investigation I find the cost of living right here in the city to be as follows. In

the following table I have reduced items to cost per day:

House rent . . . . .	.50	Reading matter . . . . .	.06
Flour . . . . .	.10	Potatoes . . . . .	.16
Meat . . . . .	.32	Fruit . . . . .	.16
Canned goods . . . . .	.15	Books . . . . .	.16
Lard . . . . .	.05	Street car fare . . . . .	.12
Soap . . . . .	.03	Medical aids . . . . .	.10
Clothes . . . . .	.10	Benevolences . . . . .	.05
Cullinary . . . . .	.05	Shoes . . . . .	.10
Ice . . . . .	.05	Household incidentals . . . . .	.60
Gas . . . . .	.10		
Coal . . . . .	.10	Total . . . . .	\$2.50

"You will observe that I have put in absolutely no luxuries; not that we are not entitled to it, but that we just cannot afford it. You will observe that the butter allowance is only one and one-third ounces per day per person, and that the meat is estimated upon the basis of two pounds per day for six persons, or five and two-fifths ounces per person per day. And it will be further observed, out of this abundance, I have estimated one \$18 suit of clothes, and for everyday clothes, hats, caps, underwear, etc., we have left the magnificent sum of \$18.60 for each person. Allowing two pairs of shoes to the person at an average price of \$3 per pair. But let us stop and study the wages paid by the poor corporations, as stated to me by the men themselves who are doing the work. The Missouri Pacific is paying its section men here in the city \$1.35 per day. Magnificent sum! All the other railroads are paying the same class of labor \$1.50 per day, while the Lincoln Traction Co. is paying the same class of laborers \$1.75. After all the information I am able to gather, with brickmasons at \$4 and carpenters ranging from \$2 to \$3.20 per day, and then at the expense of the loss of all the time when the material is short, and wet days or days unfit to work on the outdoor work, to say nothing of the persons who have to work short hours, lose all the odd time, and an hundred others looking for places where one can better his condition, all the while on expense. I am astonished that anyone should have the audacity to speak of 'the good times' of any one but the speculator, banker or loan agent, or the grafter."

### UNION MAN FOR SHERIFF.

Louis Faulhaber Asks Your Support for That Important Office.

Louis Faulhaber, a member of the Carpenters' Union, and one of the most loyal union men in this section of the country, is the democratic candidate for sheriff of Lancaster county. There are many reasons why he should be elected, and more reasons why he should receive the support and vote of every union man. He is a union man himself, and has carried a card in the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners for many years. He has always been found ready when work was demanded in the interests of unionism and union men.

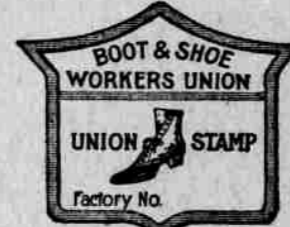
But this unionism is by no means his chief recommendation for support. He has lived in Lincoln for many years, and there are thousands who will testify to his ability to handle the duties of the office with credit to himself and to the people. He is a candidate now for the first time, and his candidacy offers an opportunity to get some new blood into public office. If elected—and he will be if his fellow wage-earners stand with him—he will be the first active card man ever elected to the office of sheriff in Nebraska. Let's break a record with "Louie" Faulhaber!

### IN TORONTO.

Labor Temple Has Proved to be a Profitable Investment.

The annual statement of the directors of the Toronto Labor Temple shows that the year's business was a profitable one. The receipts amounted to \$13,568.33, leaving a balance of \$1,856.18. The assets of the company are the building, \$35,828.34; furniture, \$7,500. The profits show an undeclared dividend of over 13 per cent. The excess of assets over liabilities is \$17,309.87. The original allotment of stock has been taken up, and the single transaction of \$5.00 for the year closed the final allotment. At present there is no stock on the market, and the company will not issue any more, as the stock as it now stands is worth more than double what was paid for it.

The supreme court of Missouri has thrown down the gauntlet to the legislature and declared that no law shall be passed which dares to prescribe a maximum punishment for contempt of court. Surely, even rapidly, government by the various supreme court is being established. Why not abolish legislatures? Or will the people wake up before it is too late?—New York Call.



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