

# WAGWORKER

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## THE SEVENTH YEAR.

With this issue The Wageworker enters upon its seventh year. For six years,—seventy-two months,—312 times,—this humble little labor paper has gone into the homes of Lincoln's progressive unionists, into the homes of progressive unionists in Lincoln suburbs, and into the homes of earnest union men throughout the country who seemingly like its tone. And now The Wageworker begins a new year—a year bright with promise.

The Wageworker was started without any flourish of trumpets. It was not started because the present editor—who has edited every issue of it—desired to become a "labor editor." In truth he hesitated, and only consented because it seemed to him and to others that he was in the best position, perhaps, of any union man in Lincoln to undertake the task with some hope of making it a success. That The Wageworker has lived for six years, never missing an issue, always coming out on time, and always on the "firing line," is proof in some measure that it is fulfilling its mission and meeting with the approbation of the progressive unionists who want a labor newspaper sufficiently to pay for it.

The Wageworker has doubtless made mistakes in the past. It will doubtless make many more mistakes in the future. But it has never knowingly made a mistake. It has never allowed its utterances to be controlled by any faction, clique, coterie or "gang," and when it saw its duty it tried to perform it, no matter what the cost. Money will buy space in The Wageworker to advertise any legitimate business, brand of goods or profession. Money has never yet—nor will it while the present management controls—swayed the opinions of this modest little labor newspaper. It has stood for the right as its editors saw the right, regardless of friend or foe, profit or loss. And it has not always been profitable, either—in a money sense.

But what has happened has happened, and the record stands by which The Wageworker is willing to be judged.

Today The Wageworker feels better and stronger than ever. And it is stronger, at least, than ever. After many trials and discouragements the editor has finally allied himself with a couple of loyal, efficient union men who are sharing with him the work and whatever profit there may be. The indications are that the profits will be somewhat larger in the future than in the past. "The Wageworker Publishing Co." is now a legal fact, and not a pleasing bit of fiction. The man who has edited it all the years of the past will continue in that capacity. Mr. W. P. Hogard will be the business manager. The silent member of the firm will act as Mr. Hogard's assistant as occasion requires. Before the first issue in April The Wageworker will be located in its own office, which will be handsomely equipped for all kinds of work in the printing line.

Now a little word as to the future: How long The Wageworker will continue is something for the fates to decide. But this much is known—it will be in the future as in the past an exponent of trades unionism; it will be a medium through which the objects and aims of the workers may be made known to those who care to know them; it will be fair to all men, and it will conceal nothing of evil, no matter whether that evil be unionistic or capitalistic. Its columns will be open to any union man who wants to air his views, conditioned only upon the limits of space and the postal regulations. It will take part in politics, but not as a partisan. It will stand as best it can for all that is good for Lincoln, for Nebraska and for the toilers.

With its face to the future, with the love of labor in its heart, and with malice towards no man, The Wageworker begins its seventh year full of cheer.

## ANOTHER FOOLISH SCHEME.

Why is it that labor leaders so often do things that only make them and the labor movement appear ridiculous? Here is this Chicago scheme, for instance, of having all union men withdraw their deposits from the banks in order to help out the Philadelphia strike. To the unsophisticated and untrained mind of the editor of this labor paper that appears about as foolish as boring a hole in the bottom of the boat to let the water out. It appears foolish for two reasons—each reason depending upon the point of view.

First, if the union men of the country have on deposit enough money to cut any appreciable figure in case it is withdrawn, it would simply mean that the withdrawal would paralyze business, and in the paralysis of business the wage earners are the first, last and worst sufferers.

Second, if the volume of their deposits is not large enough to cut any appreciable figure, the withdrawal thereof would simply make the unions and union workers appear ridiculous. If this paper had to choose between the horns of this dilemma it would dig a can of worms and go fishing.

We think the sympathetic strike in Philadelphia was a tactical error. We contend that the sympathetic strikers had a right to strike, providing they were not bound by contract, but it is not always wise to assert a right. To our mind it would have been better had the sympathetic strikers remained at work, devoting a goodly share of their wages to supporting the street railway strikers and fighting the imported "scabs." But, in the name of common sense, how will drawing the deposits of union workers out of the banks help the cause of organized labor? What's the matter with dropping a whole lot of this foolish talk and equally foolish action, and getting down to brass tacks? The greatest curse of labor is not the oppression of capital—it is the ignorance of labor. We've got to cultivate our intelligence more if we are ever to meet capital on fair fighting ground. And when we get sense enough we'll begin voting together instead of scattering like frightened sheep every election day. That's where capital gets the best of us—at the ballot box. The day we go to the polls as solidly united as the capitalists are at the polls, that day will mark the emancipation of the toilers.

## DECIDING A WAGER.

Lincoln, Neb., March 24.—To the Editor of The Wageworker: Will you please decide a wager for us. "A" bets "B" that The Wageworker is in favor of a "wet" town. Who wins? "B" wins.

A whole lot of union men in Lincoln who are forever complaining that they have nowhere to go nor nothing to do on Sunday, failed to take advantage of an opportunity last Sunday to listen to the ablest discussion of the problems of unionism ever delivered in the city of Lincoln.

Mayor Love, who is "dry," has been invited to introduce Mayor Rose of Milwaukee, who is "wet," and comes to Lincoln soon to plead for a return to licensed saloons. Mayor Love may well hesitate between courtesy and conscience.

Compliments will not lift the mortgage on the Labor Temple. This gentle hint is thrown out for the benefit of a lot of good people who have been awfully free with compliments, but awfully short on practical help.

Six years of good influence in the cause of organization is The Wageworker's record today. You can make the seventh year equal to all the rest by giving The Wageworker your support.

Six years old today. That's five years and seven months older than any other labor paper ever started in Lincoln—and there's been five of six of them.

"The Davenport tract and \$50,000 for park extensions and improvements!" That's the watchword—especially the \$50,000 for parks.

Wanted—A little more enthusiasm in behalf of the Labor Temple. There is danger of letting the ardor cool off too soon.

Gee, but isn't it bully the way the ministers of this locality are lining up on the side of union labor?

This issue is not a "splurge." It's just an ordinary issue, but we are proud of it, just the same.

"Box 999" didn't seem to get there with a speed equal to that of the famous engine of that number.

Union wages should be spent for union-made goods.

And don't forget the label in that new spring suit.

thize with the underpaid women workers in the garment factories can best show it by demanding the label of the "National Consumers' League," the so-called "white label." It isn't a union label, but it's the next best thing to it, and there are dry goods merchants in Lincoln who make a specialty of that make of goods.

Perhaps some scheme might be hatched up whereby the water in the Traction Co. stock might be used to lay the dust on the streets.

Uncle Joe Cannon is getting his bumps these days. But it takes an awful jolt to make a dent in Uncle Joe's epidermis.

A lot of Lincoln union men have missed six years of The Wageworker, but they ought to get in on the seventh year—early.

The partisan union man can nullify on election day all that he has been fighting for during the other days of the year.

We beg to suggest that the men on the two sides of the engine cabs get together before either takes extreme action.

You can find the greatest Easter bargains in the country by consulting the advertising columns of The Wageworker.

Keep the Labor Temple Ball in mind. It will be a "whizzer."

Nor in that new spring "lid."

Nor the low-cut shoes.

## LABOR TEMPLE DIRECTORS.

All But Three Forgot That There is Business to Transact.

The directors of the Labor Temple Association were due to meet last Monday evening. Every director knew it—but there were only three who showed up. As a result there was no meeting. There were too few a week ago to transact business.

That sort of thing will not make the association a success. The men who have accepted the important positions of directors owe it to their unions to keep the faith—to meet the responsibilities entrusted to them. Doubtless some of the directors had reasonable excuses for non-attendance Monday night, but it is doubtful if eleven out of the fourteen members had.

There is no use mincing words—the business of the association must be attended to, promptly. The responsibility resting upon the directors is grave, and duty demands action.

The board is due to meet again next Monday evening, and as there has been no business transacted for three weeks, it is imperative that there be a good working quorum present. As a matter of fact, there are mighty near 15,000 reasons why the directors ought to get busy and keep busy.

## DRESSED FOR EASTER.

Popular Clothing House Dons Easter Garb for Anniversary.

A visit to the home of the Armstrong Clothing Co. these days will bring delight to the visitor because of the beautiful decorations donned in observance of the great Christian anniversary—Easter. The design is Japanese and has been carried out with a wealth of detail that is as artistic as it is novel. Japanese wisteria vines in full bloom predominate, draped over Japanese arches and lighted by electric lights placed in Japanese lantern effects. The subdued lights and the soft coloring of vines and flowers are exquisite. In the rear is a huge panoramic scene from the Land of Cherry Blossoms.

It required artistic ability of high merit to carry out the design to the extent that has been achieved, and the result is a credit to the designer and a big drawing card for the ever popular clothing house.

## OPPOSES SYMPATHETIC STRIKES.

The building trades department of the American Federation of Labor has taken action which will prevent affiliated unions from going on sympathetic strikes in the future. W. J. Spencer, secretary of the building trades department, has sent out a circular declaring against any union going on a sympathetic strike, unless the sanction of the international union to which it belongs is first obtained. Any union which violates the rule will be disciplined.

## THE BEST MAN OF THE TWO.

During the first day of the street car strike in Philadelphia a man who offered his services as motorman was collared by his wife and told that she would not live with him if he enlisted as a strikebreaker. She won her case and a round of applause from the populace.—Kansas City Labor Herald.

# Spring Housekeepers' Sale

## of Sheets, Pillow Cases and Bed Spreads

EVERY HOUSEKEEPER will want to replenish the family store of Sheets, Pillow Cases, Bed Spreads and Pillows in anticipation of the spring housecleaning. This sale offers the opportunity to do so at reduced prices. On sale, beginning Monday.

### Bed Spreads

A special discount on every Bed Spread in our stock and these two extra special values:

**\$1.75 Spreads for \$1.45**—Hemmed crocheted Quilts in choice Marseilles patterns good weight, made of fine yarn closely woven, size 80x88 in., regular 1.45 1.75 value, for . . . . .

**\$2.00 Spreads for \$1.65**—Fringed Crocheted Spreads, closely woven, good weight choice patterns, size 84x92 in., with or without cut corners, regular 1.65 2.00 values, for . . . . .

### Pillow Cases

**Linen Finished Pillow Cases**—Made of good quality of heavy threaded cotton. Just the thing for hard service. Note the special prices. This is a good chance to lay in a supply.

42x36 Pillow Cases, 15c value . . . . 12c  
45x36 Pillow Cases, 16c value . . . . 13c

### Feather Pillows

Note these special reductions on Feather Pillows for the Housekeepers' Sale:

Feather Pillows 1.75 value for pair . . . 1.35  
Feather Pillows 2.75 value for pair . . . 2.20  
Feather Pillows 3.50 value for pair . . . 2.80  
Feather Pillows 5.50 value for pair . . . 4.25  
Feather Pillows 6.00 value for pair . . . 5.00  
Down Pillows 7.00 value for pair . . . 5.60

### Sheets Reduced

**Bleached and Seamed Sheets**—A special lot. Just the thing for rooming houses, hotels, etc. We recommend them for hard wear. Note price differences now:

72x90-inch Sheets, 60c value for . . . . 50c  
72x90-inch Sheets, 65c value for . . . . 55c  
72x104-inch Sheets, 70c value for . . . . 58c  
81x90-inch Sheets, 65c value for . . . . 55c  
81x99-inch Sheets, 70c value for . . . . 58c

---On Sale in Domestic Department---Second Floor.

# House Cleaning Helps From the Basement



We offer here a partial list of dependable tools and supplies for Spring House Cleaning—a number of these items are priced special for this week.

- BROOMS—Present market value 60c and 75c, but with chipped handles, special at . . . . . 25c
- DUST PANS . . . . . 5c
- GIBSON'S SOAP POLISH—Special, can . . . . 5c
- GOLD DUST SOAP POWDER—4 lbs. . . . . 17c
- SCOURING SOAP—Bar . . . . . 2c
- GARDEN SETS—3 pieces for . . . . . 10c
- HOES AND RAKES—Special at, each . . . . 19c
- STEP LADDERS—5 foot . . . . . 49c
- CARPET BEATERS—Ratan . . . . . 5c
- CARPET BEATERS—Wire . . . . . 10c and 25c
- MOP STICKS—Each . . . . . 10c
- MOP STICKS—With cloth . . . . . 19c
- SCRUB PAIS—Heavy grade, galvanized iron, 12-quart, 35c value, for . . . . . 23c
- CURTAIN STRETCHERS—Per set . . . . . 75c
- HOWARD DUSTLESS DUSTER—The only chemically treated cloth that dusts, cleans and polishes furniture, metal or glass and retains its chemical properties after being washed. On sale in Toilet Goods Section. Three sizes. . . . . 15c, 25c and 35c

### Paints and Brushes

A special section devoted to good Paints Floor Finishes and Stains.

- BEST GRADE PAINT—Any color, qt. . . . . 50c
- BEST GRADE FLOOR PAINT—Any color, quart . . . . . 45c
- KEYSTONE—The ideal wall finish . . . . 50c
- JAPALAC VARNISH STAIN, can 15c to 2.50
- GOLD OR ALUMINUM PAINT . . . . . 15c and 25c
- BATH TUB ENAMEL—Can . . . . . 25c
- STOVE PIPE ENAMEL—Can . . . . . 15c
- JOHNSON FLOOR WAX—1/2 lb. 30c; 1 lb. 50c; 5 lbs. . . . . 2.00
- 2 LOTS OF ENAMEL PAINT IN COLORS—On special sale at, can . . . . . 5c and 10c
- 2 LOTS OF VARNISH STAIN—Excellent grade but not all colors in stock, medium size can . . . . . 10c and 29c
- 2 LOTS of Paints, Stove Backing, Brushes, etc., prices to close at . . . . . 5c and 10c
- ABSORBINE—A cleaner for wall paper, window shades, etc. . . . . 10c

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