

# THE WAGEWORKER.

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## HOW ABOUT THE PRIMARIES?

The Nebraska legislatures have always been noted—or notorious—by reason of the fact that they have never contained any representatives of that class of toilers working in shops and mills and factories and upon railroads—a class numbering upwards of 150,000 members. Time and again union voters have gaily walked to the polls, whipped into line by the party lash, and voted for party candidates notoriously opposed to organization. They have voted for corporation tools, for jack-leg lawyers, broken down doctors, decrepit politicians and ward heelers, but because of their own negligence they have never, or seldom, had an opportunity to vote for a man of their own class.

Under the present primary law the wage earners of the state have their opportunity. The next legislature ought to contain a dozen or more active, earnest, loyal and straightforward trades unionists among its members—and it will have if trades union voters do their duty.

How shall we go about it?

The answer is easy—get busy now and capture the primaries.

Let the republican unionists get together and select three or four good union men as legislative candidates.

Let the democratic unionists get together and do the same thing.

There are many unionists in the socialist ranks. Let them do the same thing.

Work to get two or three good union candidates on each ticket in those counties having a good union vote. Here in Lancaster, for instance, we elect five representatives and two senators. Suppose the republicans nominate two union men, for the house, the democrats an equal number and the socialists one; and a republican and a democratic union man nominated for the senate. Then let every union voter plump his ticket for the seven union men, regardless of politics. In that way we are bound to land one or more. If the unionists of Douglas do the same thing, we'll have a live union delegation in the next legislature.

A United States senator to elect? O, "bushwa!" Also "Durham!"

Don't let the party bosses pull the wool over your eyes again. The wage earners of Nebraska are—or ought to be—vastly more interested in getting some needed labor legislation in this state than they are in the United States senatorship. The man who pleads with you to "vote 'er straight" because we have a senator to elect is thinking a whole lot more of the political plums than he is of the welfare of the wage earners. The union ranks of Lancaster county can offer some legislative timber that can not be surpassed. They are just as broad-minded, just as intelligent, just as capable, as any of the lawyers, farmers, doctors merchants or political sharps heretofore elected to represent the county. Scarcely a trade union in Lincoln or Havelock that could not furnish seven mighty good legislative candidates.

The trades unionists of Lancaster county hold the balance of political power. If they will get together, work together and vote together, they can compel the managers of the old political parties to jump sideways. As it is, by reason of our fool partisanship and our criminal negligence, we are the ones who have been doing the sideways jump act. We'll get just what we deserve, and no more. And we'll deserve the worst of it until we muster up enough energy and common sense to go out and get justice.

Don't wait until a week or two before the primaries before starting something. Now is the time to begin.

## THINK IT OVER!

The Boilermakers employed on the Burlington system asked for an increase of pay amounting to 2 cents an hour. Their request was not even considered. Their committee could not get a conference. The Boilermakers were utterly ignored—treated like common cattle.

The Burlington says it can not af-

ford to pay the increase, but—

The Burlington can pay a strike-breaking agency a big wad of money for a bunch of "scabs."

It can afford to pay the cost of transporting those "scabs" from distant eastern points to points along the system.

It can afford to pay these "scabs" from \$2 to \$5 a day more than the old employees asked for.

It can afford to house these "scabs" in palatial sleeping cars and feed them in dining cars.

It can afford to pay professional strong-arm men to guard these "scabs" from the gaze of the general public.

**BUT IT CAN NOT AFFORD TO PAY A LIVING WAGE TO OLD AND FAITHFUL EMPLOYEES.**

How can it afford to do all this?

By making the general public foot the bills!

How does it do that?

By increasing the danger of travel! It fills its coaches with human beings and then pulls them with engines having "plugged flues," leaking boilers, broken stay-bolts and insecure crown-sheets. It endangers the lives of engine crews by compelling them to use locomotives that are not inspected, never repaired, never washed out, never cooled off—plugged with corn-stalks and stable refuse, "doped" with acids and tied up with strings.

Never fear—the public is the "goat." But, Mr. Man, before you trust your wife and little ones to the dangers of railroad travel, take a thought of the increased danger of sending them out behind locomotives that have been entrusted to the tender mercies of such a gang of men as the Burlington has imported to take the place of skilled mechanics whose work made for your safety, and whose sole offense was in asking for a living wage.

## PRRAISE FROM SIR HUBERT!

The Journal is pleased to note the sixth anniversary of its contemporary, The Wageworker, of Lincoln, Neb. Editor Maupin is to be congratulated upon the success of The Wageworker during the past six years and still more upon the bright prospects with which it begins the seventh year. The Wageworker is clean, able and, above all, cheerful, a paper well worth reading and a power for good to its locality. More power to it!—Coast Seamen's Journal.

The man who thinks the "dry" vote of Lincoln represents the prohibition vote in this city would do well to quit talking a little while and put in some time studying up on real facts. A lot of people who voted "dry" will fight state-wide prohibition to a standstill.

They say that one of the "scab" Boilermakers at the Havelock shops tried to sew a patch on a boiler with a needle and thread. Said he was a tailor by trade and that he knew of no other way to put on a patch.

We suggest to the Burlington management that it secure Charles W. Post as one of the entertainers that must sooner or later be provided for the bunch of professional "scabs" recently imported into this state.

The craftsmen now on strike in Lincoln and Havelock ought to spend some of their leisure time studying up on what organized labor accomplished in Oklahoma by concerted political action.

We would like to call the attention of a few eminent Nebraska reformers to the fact that county option is not the only question of vital importance to the people.

We predict that our good friend and helper, Charles W. Post, will throw another fit inside of the next ten days. This is good anti-union fit weather.

If there is no news of your local in The Wageworker its because none of you took the time to call up the editor and give him the facts.

The "Ben Franklin Club" seems to have played fast and loose with the principles of the eminent gentleman whose name it bears.

The conspiracy to drive the allied printing trades label out of Lincoln is meeting with several serious obstructions.

The frost killed the fruit, but it didn't touch the "hook worm," the "scab worm" or the "graft worm."

To date we haven't seen anybody running around Lincoln with their tongues hanging out.

Lock your doors and nail down your windows! The "scab" boiler-makers are in your vicinity.

Two "scab" boiler-makers sent to

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If you want a nice business dress suit we can always show you a larger assortment and greater range of prices in good clothes than is shown by any other Lincoln Store. You can buy a suit here for

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**or \$25.00**

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Ravenna by the Burlington couldn't find a boarding place in the city, and the Burlington had to send them a bunk car and a cook. Bully for the Ravensnaites!

Moral assistance helps, but financial assistance keeps grub on your striking brother's table.

Labor Temple stock is still selling at par, although it is worth 150. Now is the time to invest.

The striking Pressmen of Lincoln are making a good "impression" by their gallant fight.

People who live in glass houses should not hurry about changing their underclothing.

If you take a Burlington train these days—invent in an accident insurance ticket.

## A GOOD EXAMPLE.

**Union Farmer Insisted on Seeing the Union Card for Himself.**

A little local in the Union Banner of Fort Worth, under the head "Farmers Teach a Lesson" would show you what organization and a demand for the label card will do:

"Brother Hale of the Painters Union will never forget the union farmers. He was sent into the country to do a job and left his working card at home, never for a moment thinking there would be need of it. He was mistaken, however, and was compelled to make a long trip back to get it—the union farmer wouldn't so much as allow him to begin without showing a paid-up card. A union carpenter was working on the job and tried to vouch for the painter, but that wouldn't go for a minute—the card itself was the only thing that counted."

If the Texas members can stand by their union in that manner why can't the Nebraska boys do the same? We are leading the other states in co-operation and why shouldn't we lead in this respect?

## OKLAHOMA'S CONVICT LABOR.

**Prison Made Goods Sold There Must Be Plainly Branded.**

On February 10, 1910, Governor Haskell of Oklahoma signed the following bill, thereby making it the law of Oklahoma—the state that's got 'em all

skinned when it comes to state constitution and wise laws:

"Be it enacted by the people of the State of Oklahoma:

"Section 1. Each article of clothing, harness, saddles, or shoes, tools, implements or machinery, or other articles of merchandise manufactured by convicts of any state of the United States, or in any federal prison or penitentiary, or any territory or district thereof, before being sold or offered for sale in the state of Oklahoma by any merchant, salesman, agent or representative of any firm or corporation or individual shall bear a label not less than two by two (2x2) inches in dimensions, which shall bear thereon the words "convict made goods," followed by the year and the name of the penitentiary, prison, reformatory, or other establishment in which it was made, in plain English lettering of the style known as Roman capitals. Said label shall be placed upon the outside of and upon the most conspicuous part of said article.

"Sec. 2. Any merchant, person, firm, or corporation or any salesman, agent, or representative of any firm, corporation or individual selling or offering for sale within the state of Oklahoma, clothing, harness, saddles, shoes, or any other articles of merchandise, manufactured by convicts or in any prison or penitentiary of any state, or of the United States, or any territory or district thereof, not bearing said label, or any merchant, salesman, agent or representative of any firm, corporation or individual who removes said labels from any articles manufactured by convicts or prisoners, prior to its sale to the consumer, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be punished as hereinafter provided.

"Sec. 3. Any person found guilty of violating the provisions of this act shall be fined in a sum of not less than one hundred (\$100) dollars, nor more than five hundred (\$500) dollars, or imprisonment in the county jail for not less than one (1) month, nor more than six (6) months, or both such fine and imprisonment."

## LINCOLN ON LABOR.

**Men Who Create the Wealth Get Mighty Little of It.**

Ida Tarbell in the American Magazine recently gave this quotation from Abraham Lincoln:

"The hope of this war is in the common soldiers, not in the generals,

not in the war department—not in me. It's the boys. Sometimes it seems to me that nobody sees it quite right. It is in war as it is in life—a whole raft of men work day and night and sweat and die to get the crops and mine the ore and build the towns and sail the seas. They make the wealth, but they get mighty little of it. We ain't got our values of men's work figured out right yet—the value of the man that gives the orders and the man that takes 'em."

## WILL DEBATE IT.

**Kelsey and Wright Will Argue Union Question at The Temple.**

General Tom Kelsey and Clyde Wright will lock horns in debate at the Labor Temple Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, debating the question, "Resolved, that labor unionism in the industrial field can emancipate the wage slave." General Kelsey will take the affirmative and Mr. Wright, who is a leading socialist, will take the negative.

Everybody is invited to attend this debate. Both gentlemen are able speakers and well equipped to defend their side of the case, and the debate will no doubt be interesting as well as profitable.

## MUST WEAR UNION HATS.

Members of the Boston Cigarmakers' Union will not gain admittance to the next meeting of the union unless they wear hats bearing the union label. Such was the decision of the members of the executive board recently.

## UNION BARBER SHOPS.

When you enter a barber shop, see that the union shop card is in plain sight before you get into the chair. If the card is not to be seen, go elsewhere. The union shop card is a guarantee of a cleanly shop, a smooth shave or good hair-cut, and courteous treatment. The following barber shops

are entitled to the patronage of union men:

Geo. Petro, 1010 O St.  
 J. J. Simpson, 1001 O St.  
 Geo. Shaffer, Lincoln Hotel.  
 C. B. Ellis, Windsor Hotel.  
 C. W. Laffer, Capital Hotel.  
 E. L. Scott, Royal Hotel.  
 A. L. Kimmerer, Lindell Hotel.  
 C. A. Green, 120 No. 11th St.  
 W. G. Worth, 1132 O St.  
 E. A. Woods, 1206 O St.  
 Chaplin & Ryan, 129 No. 12th St.  
 Bert Sturm, 116 So. 13th St.  
 J. B. Raynor, 1501 O St.  
 W. H. Barthelman, 123 So. 13th St.  
 J. J. Simpson, 922 P St.  
 E. J. Dudley, 822 P St.  
 Lundahl & Warde, 210 So. 13th St.  
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