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BILLY MAJOR'S DOPE CARD

THE SAME CONTAINING A FEW UNBIASED OPINIONS ABOUT MATTERS OF MORE OR LESS INTEREST TO THE PUBLIC

The Ad Club has put its collective shoulder to the wheel and is going to shove the bond propositions to success. That's the best working bunch in Lincoln when it comes to boosting for the city. When it gets its flying wedge organized and starts on the bond campaign it will make the fossils come to life.

Let's get this park bond proposition on straight to start with. First, the proposition is to borrow money on negotiable bonds to be issued by the city to the extent, if found necessary, of \$100,000, or such smaller sum as may be found sufficient, for the purchase and improvement of certain specified pieces of property to be used for park purposes. Not a word about the price that must be paid for any piece of property. Nothing mandatory about buying any certain piece or pieces of property. All that is left to the park commission and the city council, subject to certain limitations as to the property that may be bought.

Some opponents of the bond issue declare it is a scheme to unload Lincoln Park on the city for an exorbitant price. Don't you believe it. The men who own Lincoln Park today don't give a tinker's dam whether the city buys it or not. The city, however, will get Lincoln Park—if it finally decides that it wants it—for just what it is worth, and not what the present owners may think it is worth. So don't let some of the enemies of civic progress—the antediluvians—deceive you by their stereotyped yell of "graft". For my part I believe the city will be the gainer in a thousand ways by securing Lincoln Park right now at the full price asked \$50,000. It would cost that much, and a half-century of time, to take a piece of raw land and make a park equal to what Lincoln Park is this very minute.

I was in Beatrice the other day and got a glimpse of the new high school building in that city. It is a beauty. A Lincoln man who looks at it will hide his head in shame to think that a city the size of Beatrice has a high school building that makes the Lincoln high school building look like a relic of the paleozoic age. Beatrice paid \$75,000 for it, and if Beatrice with 10,000 people can spend an average of \$7.50 per capita for a high school building, certainly Lincoln can spend an average of \$5 per capita. That is the proposition on the high school matter. But we must have a new school building in place of the apology known as the Hayward school, and we must have some improvements on the Saratoga school. We are asked to vote school bonds in the amount of \$315,000. This is less per capita than Beatrice voted for a high school alone. And shall we do less for our children than Beatrice is doing? Far be it from so! Come on now, let's build the handsomest high school building in the west, and set it in the midst of a park that will be the admiration of all the world.

During the last fifteen years Kansas City has spent \$15,000,000 on her parks and boulevards—and Kansas City is a city, believe me! What has Lincoln done? Really I am almost ashamed to say. In fifteen years it has spent for park purposes as much as it takes to pay the interest for three months on what Kansas City has spent in the same length of time.

The men who have made Lincoln are not the men who have grown rich. The wealthy men of Lincoln are not all of them men who have grown rich by reason of their superior business acumen or their great industry. They have grown rich by reason of the fact that you and I and the rest of us who

toil with our hands have built our little homes here, spend our wages here and thus increase the value of all the surrounding real estate. Now let us make these gentlemen whack up by compelling them to do their part in furnishing us with parks and playgrounds. For the life of me I can not understand the mental processes of the wage earner

Now is the time to get out and register yourself in favor of a bigger and better Lincoln. The "knocker" and the "tax shirker" should be relegated to the rear. The men who have grown rich from the toil of the wage earners should be made to come back with some of it to provide our children with better educational facilities and all of us with recreation places.

The only objection that can be raised against the bond propositions is that it will "increase taxes." Who raises this objection? Don't forget that in the last analysis the wage earner pays all the taxes. What's 60 cents on the thousand dollars valuation compared with a modern high school for our boys and girls, and beautiful parks where they, and us, can have some of the pleasures too often monopolized by the rich. We can secure parks cheaper now than we ever can again. Now is the accepted time; now is the day of salvation!

Mr. Wage Earner, enlightened self-interest should compel you to be a booster for the bonds. If you love your children, boost for a modern high school and an adequate park system. If you love the city in which you live, boost to make it bigger and better and prettier. For the first time in nearly a generation we have a chance to show the world that we are up and coming, and that we are not divided on a proposition that means the ultimate good of the city and people.

who is opposed to voting for the park and school bonds. To my mind such a man is merely standing in his own light.

Vote for the bond issues, and make more work for workers, better schools for our children, better parks for our families, a better city in which to live. Here's the first real opportunity in a decade to give Lincoln a boost!

The bonded indebtedness of Lincoln today is less than a million and a half. The city owns property worth \$2,500,000—such as the waterworks, municipal lighting plant, city hall and parks. Very few cities of the size in America can make as good a showing.

If West Lincoln issues a license "for a dispensary"—which God forbid—I can wish West Lincoln no worse fortune than she be compelled to harbor all the drunks she makes. If that license issues I suggest that Lincoln build a "bull pen" immediately upon the line between Lincoln and West Lincoln, into this "bull pen" to be thrust all the drunks that West Lincoln purposes making in order to get its municipal hands on a paltry three thousand dirty dollars. But West Lincoln's council hasn't issued a license yet. And if it does, it will be some time before that license is operative.

Believe me! With President Tom Pratt holding the gavel over the city council there will be almighty little trifling with the parliamentary rules. Now if the council will adopt a rule limiting its members to not more than thirty-seven speeches on any one motion, and no one speech to occupy more than fifty-seven minutes, perhaps the council can get somewhere with its business.

I don't know how many inhabitants Lincoln has, but my guess is 52,743. And here's hoping that every blessed one of 'em, school children included,

will be a booster for the parks and the high school. Lincoln's greatest need right now is for boosters!

BILLY MAJORS.

CONTRASTING BRYAN AND ROOSEVELT.

Mr. Roosevelt's troubles in Egypt bring to mind Mr. Bryan's articles on India. The former gained the displeasure of the people of Egypt by extolling the British rule, the latter gained the displeasure of the British officials by defending the right of the people of India. From these two incidents the character of these men may be judged. —South Bend, Ind., New Era.

IS LINCOLN'S SLOGAN A JOKE

MEN WHO SHOUT "LET'S ALL WORK TOGETHER FOR LINCOLN" GO BOOSTING WITH A CHEAP LITTLE COUNTRY BAND

The slogan of the Lincoln Commercial club is "Let's all work together for Lincoln!"

That's a bully good slogan. Nothing could be better. Poets might write and singers might sing, but what could be better than the Commercial Club's rallying cry of "Let's all work together for Lincoln?"

Club or any of its members in committee going outside of Lincoln to employ musicians. The Commercial Club has conducted some five or six of these trade excursions, and on no one of them has a Lincoln band been employed. It's almighty easy to holler "Let's all work together for Lincoln," but how'n thunder is the Lincoln worker going to keep eating if every time the business men want to employ somebody they go out of town to get them?

Last Wednesday two little girls trying to earn a bit of money by selling soap for an outside concern were stopped by the activity of the Commercial Club, that organization holding that the little girls ought to be selling Lincoln made soap.

O Gosh! Fudge and Heck! To say, nothing of Splash!

And the next day the same organization slips over to Hebron and hires a cheap band to play on an excursion planned to boost Lincoln.

Wouldn't that jar you?

Stand up for Lincoln—and hire the Hebron band to furnish the music for the Lincoln Boosters? The local musicians are really not worthy of consideration. This is a reciprocal trade excursion, don't you know—and the Hebron band will work cheap.

The committee that waited on the excursion folk were courteously received but it got almighty little satisfaction. All it learned was that the defense of "reciprocal trade excursions" was merely a blind to cover up the fact that the cheap band was hired in preference to giving employment to Lincoln musicians at a living wage.

If that isn't a Sears-Robuck, Montgomery Ward, proposition, we never saw one.

"Let's all work together for Lincoln!" Give me one of those cigars made in a Philadelphia tenement. They are better than the Lincoln made cigars.

"Let's all work together for Lincoln!" We can hire the Hebron band for our Lincoln booster excursion cheaper than we can hire a Lincoln band, so we'll limit our boosting to other lines and hire the Hebron band.

As remarked in the beginning, it is a beautiful slogan—"Let's all work together for Lincoln!" The man who originated it was a genius. Go on, Mr. Lincoln Musician, and work your fool head off for Lincoln. You haven't anything else to do, for the main squeezes will hire an out-of-town band to play for the Lincoln trade excursions so you will not have the excursion of another job to explain why you are not "working together for Lincoln."

"Let's all work together for Lincoln!" The rhythm of that slogan is fascinating; it haunts the mind like Mark Twain's story of "a blue trip slip for a six-cent fare, a pink trip slip for a four-cent fare, a buff trip slip for a two-cent fare, punch in the presence of the passengaire." Let the children of Lincoln workingmen sing it as the trip blithely to and from school. Papa isn't working, because it was cheaper to hire a man who spends all his money in Hebron. Let the housewives sing it. Their husbands are not working, for it was found cheaper to hire the husband of another woman living in a city a hundred miles away.

Let everybody who works in Lincoln sing it with a vim. The policy pursued by the Lincoln Commercial Club in the instance of the trade excursion about to start, will soon result in Lincoln workingmen having nothing else on earth to do but sing, "Let's all work together for Lincoln."

I ain't a choic member yet, 'cause I ain't found one t' date dat shows as much intrust in me as it does in dem heathen kids ten t'ousand miles across der pond.

Every wage earner should vote for the park bond issue and for the school bond issue. Why? The reasons are too numerous to mention, but here are a few:

Because the parks are the playgrounds of the common people—the rich can go to the mountains or the seashore.

Because the wage earners whose toil has made the city prosperous and the few wealthy are entitled to parks and playgrounds for themselves, their wives and their little ones.

Because the issuing of bonds will compel those who have grown rich from our toil to give us back this much—places in which we may spend an occasional hour away from the grind.

Because the high school is the ultimate "college" of a very large percentage of the children of wage earners. The rich can send their children on through college or the university. Your children and mine too, often have to quit school even before completing the high school course, and enter into the terrible race for existence. The high school, therefore, ought to be the best obtainable. Let us compel those who can afford to send their children on through the university help us who can not do so, give our children the best possible high school advantages.

Because the money spent for park improvements and new school buildings will be largely spent for labor, thus furnishing employment.

Because a bigger and better Lincoln means bigger and better opportunities for us all.

Because we owe parks and schools to our children, and because it is our duty to leave conditions better than we found them.

You owe a duty to your city, to yourselves, to your families. Vote for Lincoln, for your children and for yourselves.

Doesn't it sound good to you?

Sure! That's all it is—sound! "Let's all work together for Lincoln," and 95 per cent of the cigars sold in the Commercial Club rooms are made in the tenement factories of the east. But that isn't all.

"Let's all work together for Lincoln," and next Monday morning a lot of Lincoln business men—all members of the club having such a beautiful slogan—will start out on a trade extension excursion, and they take along with them a band.

A Lincoln band? Not much. A band from a town a hundred miles away. "Let's all work together for Lincoln," you fellows who live here, support your families here, spend your money here—and then watch the business men who utter the beautiful cry slipping the money over to an out-of-town band instead of employing Lincoln musicians.

"This is a reciprocal trade excursion," explained the chairman of the committee, "and we deemed it wise to reciprocate with the men we are trying to induce to trade in Lincoln by employing them in part."

A little bit later it developed that the out-of-town band was employed because it agreed to go along for boys' wages.

"Let's all work together for Lincoln!" You workingmen need only boost and see to it that you don't spend your money elsewhere. That's the work you are expected to do for Lincoln. But when it comes to employing you—well, that's another story, as Mr. Kipling would say.

What do you think of it, Mr. Lincoln Workingman? The men who are asking you to work your heads off for Lincoln reserve to themselves the right to go outside of town when they want something that can be had cheaper abroad than at home.

Thursday afternoon a committee from the Musicians' Union appeared before the excursion committee and made a protest against the Commercial