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THOSE PARK BONDS.

Within the next six months Lincoln people will spend in Europe money that came to them in Lincoln to the extent of a quarter of a million of dollars. During the same period of time other Lincoln people will spend an equal amount of money that came to them in Lincoln in summering in the mountains, at the lakes or at the seashore. The number of these people will be less than 2 per cent of the total population. But they will be spending the money that 10,000 wage earners made it possible for them to expend in this wise. And while these 500 people are thus summering, 50,000 people, workers and their families will have to remain at home, sweltering in the heat, toiling day by day, and with absolutely no parks or recreation places at their command save at the expenditure of hard earned money.

This is not as it should be, and as it will not long be if the wage earners are wise enough to seize the opportunity offered them and vote for the park bonds.

Lincoln ought to have the finest park system of any city of its size in the country. Lincoln has no natural advantages along these lines. There are no lakes or rivers near at hand; no mountains, no natural forests. Everything must be made. And right now is the time to make things. Land available for park purposes will never be cheaper. The men who have grown rich by the increase in real estate values—an increase in no wise due to their efforts—owe it to the toilers and their families to help provide parks. The wage earners owe it to their families and to themselves to seize the opportunity that is at hand. The objection that it will increase taxes already high is perflous. Taxes are never too high providing the money is wisely expended. And what could be wiser than spending money in building a park system that will make for human happiness, human health, public beauty and public morality?

There is not one single logical argument to be brought against the expenditure of \$100,000 for a park system in Lincoln. There are as many arguments in favor of it as there are men, women and children in Lincoln—and then some.

IS ELIOT PARETIC?

Is ex-President Eliot of Harvard a paretic? Or is he dishonest? Or has his mentality been overestimated from the start? We are inspired to make these queries because of a statement recently made by him to the effect that "labor unions tend to degrade human character."

It is hard to believe that a man of average intellect would make such a statement unless influenced by a desire to cater to some particular element or to further some selfish interest. Even if desirous of catering to any particular element it is hard to believe that a man whose mind is not diseased would make such a statement. We are kind enough towards Dr. Eliot to believe that his once great mental powers began falling about the time he began antagonizing the labor organizations.

"Labor unions tend to degrade human character?" Stand up, Gompers, Mitchell, Morrison, Lynch, Lennon, Lewis, Buchanan, and all the host of leaders in the labor movement—stand up and give the lie to Eliot's charge by showing the world the splendid characters of the men who have headed the onward march of industrial emancipation.

"Labor organizations tend to degrade human character?" Stand forth all ye hosts of little children who have been wrested by the labor unions from the jaws of the industrial monster who would chew you up and spew you forth into the sweat shops, the mills the mines and the factories.

"Labor organizations tend to degrade human character?" Stand forth all ye hosts of women who were once hopeless and heartbroken, but who are now rejoicing in the sunlight be-

cause of the efforts of the labor organizations.

"Labor organizations tend to degrade human character?" Stand forth every man and woman whose health and life and limb have been safeguarded by the activities of the organizations this man Eliot so bitterly and so unjustly condemns.

"Labor organizations tend to degrade human character?" Take the stand and testify in this case, all the hosts of men and women whose last hours have been made pleasant, and whose pathways to the grave have been made easy by the tender ministrations of loving hands guided by hearts filled with the principles of unionism.

"Labor organizations tend to degrade human character?" What say you mothers who are able to keep your little broods together after the father was taken away because of the brotherly spirit planted in the hearts of those fathers' comrades by the teachings of the organizations so bitterly and so unjustly condemned by Eliot.

God alone knows the mistakes that organized labor has made. But it has never made the mistake of feeding its own flesh and blood into the industrial mill. It has never made the mistake of holding the dollar so close to its eyes it would not see the suffering of the widows and the orphans. It has never made the mistake of preferring dirty dollars to the welfare of the widows and the little ones whom the Master called to His knee and blest. It has often been mistaken in the methods it used to accomplish its ends, but it has never made the mistake of sacrificing women and children to advance the welfare of any man or set of men.

Organized labor proudly stands forth and challenges a comparison between its results and the results wrought by its enemies. It has rescued from the mills the thousands of little children thrust therein by Eliot's master. It has forced organized greed to loose its hold upon the throats of helpless womanhood. It has stood between the whole body of labor and a slavery worse than that which existed before the emancipation proclamation. It has stood a living barrier between this republic and a despotism worse than that of Russia.

"Labor organizations tend to degrade human character!"

What a pitiful sight it is to see a once brilliant intellect clouded. What more sorrowful than the spectacle of a once great man left running loose to freely pour his insane murmurings into the ears of men and women who would love to remember him as a man of parts.

In the name of common humanity we demand that Dr. Eliot's friends take him in charge and prevent any further demonstrations of a once great mind now weakened to the point of utter imbecility.

A modern high school building is one of Lincoln's crying needs. Vote for the high school bonds and do simple justice to yourselves and your children. Every woman who is the mother of a child of school age should register and then vote for the high school bonds.

"Everything comes to him who waits and hustles while he waits."—J. W. Jonas, President Boilermakers Union.

Now, altogether for Lincoln!

Frankly we prefer Charles W. Post to the alleged union man who would rather "knock" on a brother unionist trying to further the cause than to get out and help along a bit himself.

Strikes among the unorganized are becoming too common to excite much comment.

"The basest of sins is the sin of ingratitude."—Superintendent Ackerman of the Havelock shops.

"Gol darn it; we'll have to send back all those Pullman sleepers."—Burlington Official.

A vote for the bonds is a boost for Lincoln.

Union talk don't sound good from beneath a "scab" hat.

No union man can hope to keep straight while walking in a pair of "scab" shoes.

Now, all together for a bigger and better Lincoln!

Heaven helps those who help themselves. Help yourselves to a park system by voting for the park bonds.

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CENTRAL LABOR UNION.

Open Meeting Last Week Enlivened by Corking Good Speeches.

An open meeting of the Central Labor Union was held last Friday night for the purpose of giving the St. Louis Garments Workers, Misses Sellins and Hurley an audience, and for the additional purpose of giving local garment workers an opportunity of learning a little something about the meaning of organization. For the first time in the history of Lincoln local garment workers showed an interest, and several representatives of that trade were present. As a result of what they heard they are now enthusiastic for organization and are making good missionaries.

The attendance was very satisfactory, but the hall should have been crowded to the doors. Miss Sellins, president of the St. Louis local, told in detail the story of the strike in St. Louis, refacing it by a history of the organization. She contrasted the conditions before the organization was perfected with those that obtained afterwards. Miss Sellins has a message to deliver and she delivers it straight from the shoulder. She has spent her life in a garment factory, and she speaks from the experience of a working woman. She does not mince her words, nor does she waste any time trying to choose smooth ones. Not a minute did she lose in getting down to the facts, and the way she went after the union men who prate of their unionism then wear "scab" clothing was a delight to hear.

"We are your women; are you going to fight for us or against us?" she asked. "Are you going to stand by us, or are you going to deliver us up to the harpies that feed and fatten upon the blood of the helpless womanhood? The girls slaving in the garment factories are expected to be the mothers of the future citizens, but how can they be when they are the prey of men without conscience and whose only god is the dollar. How can they become good wives and mothers if they are physically destroyed by industrial slavery or morally wrecked by despairing efforts to escape intolerable conditions? You men owe it to us, and you owe it to yourselves to get busy, to quit talking 'hot air' and get down to business; to quit telling us how good union men you are and begin showing it by your actions. It's up to you men to help us win this fight, and you'll do it if you are not quitters."

Miss Hurley gave added emphasis

to Miss Sellins' plea, and then devoted some time to telling why the boycott has been placed against the firm of Marx & Hans. This St. Louis firm manufactures a brand of clothing known as "Jack Rabbit." It is well named too, for the garment workers certainly have got it on the run.

These two energetic women made such an impression upon the central body that it unanimously determined to have them remain in Lincoln at least a week and endeavor to organize the garment workers of this city. The central body appropriated the money to pay the necessary expense, and the St. Louis local agreed to the proposition. The two young women have been devoting the week to missionary work among the garment workers of the city, and arrangements are being made for a meeting later.

THE BARBERS.

Put Up Another Shop Card and Still Hustling Along.

Ain't these Barbers the busy boys in the union game? The first of the month they added another shop to the union list, that of Harry Sturm at 1032 P street. The card now decorates the walls of the shop and the proprietor is just as proud of it as the union itself is.

That ain't all, either. The organization expects to hang a few more cards before the first of July, and here's betting good money it will do it, too.

"Now what do you think of that!" exclaimed the old-timer as he got a glimpse of a union barber sailing by in a buzz buggy last Sunday. "A barber man in a gasoline wagon. Wouldn't that shave you too close? We couldn't have seen such a sight in a million years under the conditions that existed twenty years ago, with no union and no nothing but just work a hundred and forty-four hours a week and take what the boss saw fit to give. But these boys—say, ain't they got things in shape? If we'd a seen a barber man cutting a shine like that twenty years ago we'd looked at the papers next morning to see what bank he had burgled.

"I'm not much on the Bible game, but it seems to me I remember a passage that goes something like this—'Now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace since mine eyes have seen the glory of the Lord.' Maybe that ain't exactly right, but it's close enough. Well, since I've seen one of the barber boys skallybootin' around town in a benzine cart I'm about ready

to say something along the same line.

"When the barber man gets to burning up the roads with his hands on the steering gear of a whizz wheeler it's time we old ones acknowledged that the millennium is in sight for the trade."

And with a glad smile on his face the old-time barber man ambled back to work.

ONLY SIMPLE TRUTH.

A Nebraska paper, whose editor isn't emulating the late George Washington, says that one day last fall a farmer went out after a load of straw. Having no pole with which to bind his load he took an axe and commenced to chop down a stalk of corn for that purpose. He had it nearly cut in two when one of the ears of corn became detached and fell, crushing him to the ground. It broke his neck and one of his legs in seven places. He would have died but for the health giving properties of the Nebraska climate, which made him a well man again before he had walked half way to the house.—Everett, Wash., Labor Journal.

NOTICE OF INCORPORATION.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned have formed a corporation under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Nebraska. The name of said corporation is the "Gregory Coal Company." The principal place of transacting its business is in the City of Lincoln, County of Lancaster, State of Nebraska. The general nature of its business is a wholesale and retail dealing in coal, fuel, fire and kindling wood, and building material.

The capital stock of said corporation is \$25,000.00 of which \$15,000.00 is to be fully paid up prior to its organization. The shares of stock of said corporation are to be valued at \$100.00 each. Said corporation is to commence on the 10th day of June, 1910, or as soon thereafter as its Articles of Incorporation shall be filed and shall terminate June 10, 1909. The highest amount of indebtedness or liability to which this corporation is at any time to subject itself shall at no time exceed two-thirds of its capital stock. The affairs of this corporation shall be managed by a Board of three Directors who shall be elected from the stockholders. From the Board of Directors are to be elected the President, the Vice President, and a Secretary and Treasurer, which last named office may be filled by one and the same person. The Board of Directors is to have power to appoint such subordinate officers or managers as are necessary and convenient in conducting its business. The Board of Directors is to have authority to adopt such by-laws as are necessary in the conduct of its business.

Dated May 10, 1910.

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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.
E. W. Lafler, 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. Barthelme, 122 So. 12th St.
J. J. Simpson, 922 P St.
E. J. Dudley, 822 P St.
Lundahl & Warde, 210 So. 13th St.
Frank Malone, Havelock.
C. A. Hughart, Havelock.
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