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**FOR A BETTER LINCOLN.**  
 Self-interest, if nothing else, ought to be enough to induce every wage earner in Lincoln to vote for the park and high school bonds. Voting the bonds means, in addition to better educational facilities for our children and recreation places for all of us, more opportunities for work, more money in circulation, more business. The success of the bonds means that \$315,000 now tied up will be let loose in the channels of industry, and that means work at good wages. It also means that those who have profited from the toil of the worker will have to give some of it back.  
 Vote for your own best interests by voting for the bond issues.

**SPEAKING OF RECIPROCALITY.**  
 The only excuse afforded by the "Lincoln Trade Boosters" for ignoring the claims of Lincoln musicians and hiring a cheap country band to accompany the "booster" excursion is that it is a reciprocal deal. We confess that "reciprocal deal" sounds good, but we must at the same time confess a measure of intellectual density that prevents us from grasping its meaning.  
 Does it mean that the candy makers and others on that excursion want the trade of Hebron and don't give a continental about the trade of the 3,000 workmen and working women of Lincoln? Does it mean that the "boosters" think it is all right for them to get their music where they can get it the cheapest and all wrong for the Lincoln wage earner to buy his goods from a Chicago mail order house because he can get more for his money there than from Lincoln merchants?

This isn't wholly a matter of the Lincoln musicians; it interests every wage earner in the city. If it is all right for Lincoln business men to hire a country band because it is cheap, then it is equally all right for Lincoln business men to import cheap carpenters, cheap bricklayers, cheap painters and cheap mechanics of every other craft, and let the taxpaying, home-building mechanics of Lincoln starve. And if it is all right for Lincoln business men to patronize a mail order music concern, then it is equally all right for Lincoln wage earners to patronize Sears, Roebuck & Co. or Montgomery Ward, and boycott the Lincoln business man.  
 We opine, speaking of reciprocal trade relations, that Lincoln musicians spend dollars with Lincoln merchants where Hebron musicians spend pennies. Yet the so-called "trade boosters" show by their actions that they think more of the Hebron musician's penny than they do of the Lincoln musician's dollar. We wouldn't blame Lincoln mechanics if they absolutely boycotted every concern that is connected with that so-called "trade extension" excursion. It would simply be a return in kind.

**THE SAME OLD STORY.**  
 A few months ago they were awfully interested in the moral and spiritual welfare of the workers. They were deeply interested in seeing to it that the workingman had a decent, healthful, moral place in which to spend his leisure hours. They were determined to rid him of many of the temptations that beset his path. They were going to help the workingman in every possible way to better his conditions. They held meetings and discussed the matter, and they prayed earnestly and devoutly.  
 That was two or three months ago. But what have they really done? They have left the workingman to struggle along as best he could to maintain his Labor Temple—the handiwork of its kind in the west, and the best moral and physical asset that Lincoln possesses today.  
 They haven't contributed a blooming thing but hot air. They knelt and prayed for the workingman, and then got up from their knees and went right out to continue preying upon the workingman.  
 What the workingmen and workingwomen of Lincoln need is less hot

air and more fresh air. Less praying for and more opportunities for doing things. We believe in the efficacy of prayer, but prayer without works is like a balloon without gas, a ship without a rudder, an automobile without power, a locomotive without steam.  
 Prayer will not lift the mortgage on the Labor Temple, nor add a third story to provide a recreation hall.  
 It takes dollars to pay freight—and the same kind of dollars to pay interest and running expenses. You people who pretend to be so wonderfully interested in the welfare of the toilers ought to make good on your pretenses and your promises. The workers can not carry the load all by themselves at this time. They expect to carry it alone after a while, but in view of all that has passed and gone they have a right to expect that the good people of Lincoln will help them over the crest of the hill.  
 If you are not willing to do something practical in the interests of the toilers, for heaven's sake shut off the hot air cock! If you can't help, in heaven's name get out of the road and give the workers a free rein.  
 If you really meant what you said a couple or three months ago, and were not talking for effect only, now is the time to prove it by making good.

Those who can take their children to the mountains or the seashore for the summer are enabled to do it because they have waxed rich from the toll of those who must keep their children at home during the hot months of summer. Make the rich men help provide recreation grounds for the children of the men who have made them rich. Vote for the park bonds, and urge your fellow workers to do the same.  
 "Really, you Lincoln workers ought to patronize home industry and help build up Lincoln institutions," said the Lincoln candymaker as he lighted a cigar made in the east and dug down to help pay for a cheap country band to accompany the "Lincoln boosters." Isn't that a joke?  
 If you have to furnish the children to keep this republic going, make the fellows without children help you bear the burden of educating your children so they may become intelligent, useful citizens. Vote for the high school bonds.  
 Mr. Post offers Col. Roosevelt \$100,000 a year to head an organization that seeks to unite capital and labor. Mr. Post must have been guilty of the foolishness of filling his belly with his own imitation food.  
 The men who have made Lincoln have the least to show for their work. Let them get together and work to the end that they have a modern high school and decent parks as a part return for their toil and sacrifices.  
 The men who have waxed rich from the toll of the workers should be made to come back with a part of the expense of educating the children of the toilers. Made them disgorge by voting the high school bonds.  
 Boosting for a better Lincoln takes more than mere lip service, and the men who work for wages are the men who are delivering the real goods. The bunch out with a cheap country band are mere imitations.  
 Mr. Workingman, make the fellow whose family consists of a wife, a pug dog and a syringe help you educate your children—the children who must be depended upon to save the republic.  
 The office boy informs us that if the people will help him make his leisure hours pleasant he will attend to the matter of making his working hours profitable to his employer.  
 While the Lincoln "Trade extension Boosters" are out with their little old cheap country band, the real boosters for Lincoln are at home and right on the job.  
 Smoking eastern tenement house cigars and hiring a cheap country band is not a good way to "boost for Lincoln."  
 Teddy has landed, and strange to say the west end of the country didn't fly up when he stepped on the east end.  
 Vote for the park and high school bonds and help make Lincoln a better city for all of us to live in.  
 A fine park system is a measure of economy. The better the parks the smaller the doctor's bill.  
 The Fort Smith, Ark., Union Sen-

tinel has entered its eighth volume, looking fine and feeling fine. The Sentinel should receive the hearty support of organized labor in its community. The Wageworker wishes for the Union Sentinel many long years of usefulness in the cause of organized labor.  
 Make 'em sit up and take notice of organized labor by voting solidly for a modern high school and an adequate park system.  
 There ought to be a lot of politics in the labor unions, but there should be a total lack of partisanship.  
 Let's all work together for Lincoln! On the square, and not like a lot of imitation boosters.  
 Don't be a "piker". Vote for the bonds, and thus vote for a bigger and a better Lincoln.

**CAPTURING THE CHURCH.**  
 How Organized Labor Can Seize a Mighty Force for Uplift.  
 In capturing a fort, the commander's aim is to get the men inside rather than to continue the bombardment from without. This is a principle which applies to every kind of warfare, and it is good strategy in any case.  
 In the battle in which organized labor is now engaged, it needs all the fortresses that it can command. I question whether any power could be greater in behalf of workingmen than the Church; but what the Church needs is intelligent and honest direction. There is a latent power in the Church which is ready to cooperate in a program which will mean great things for the workers. The question is, how shall the workingmen avail themselves of this power. They certainly cannot do it by bombarding the Church from without. When a man or an institution is assaulted, the natural inclination is to fight back. It should be the aim of labor not to raise antagonisms within the church against labor, but to enlist its sympathy and co-operation. It is not a question of winning in an argument, but one of winning the church.  
 There is no institution which may be more easily captured than the Church; for it is democratically organized and the will of the majority rules. It is simply impossible for a modern church to be controlled by any one man or any set of men. In the church, the voice of the people is the voice of God. It is logical, therefore, that if labor is to capture this great force, the thing for the workingman to do is to become identified with the Church as an institution.  
 There are some workmen who, becoming impatient with the Church in the matter of social reform, have gone outside to work out their plans, and usually these impatient ones have assumed the position of dictators to the Church, after they have left it. They seek to whip into line the men and women whom they profess to scorn. They seem to forget that in leaving the institution, they forfeited all right to demand of the Church those measures for which they, themselves, stand; for no man outside of the Church has the right to dictate a policy for its guidance, because the Church is purely a voluntary organization. If the Church infringes upon the rights and attempts to restrict the liberties of others, then those injured have a right to fight the Church in its operations. But the Church as such has the privilege to map out its own social program as it maps out its own religious program, and to do precisely as it pleases, provided—as intimated—such program does not injure anybody else.  
 However, those identified with the Church who are in accord with the general purpose of the organization, have the privilege to suggest to the Church the policies which should be pursued in connection with its general program. It is logical to assume then, that if workingmen desire to have the Church come out even more strongly in behalf of the things for which labor stands, they have it in their power to say just what the Church shall do. They can make the Church whatever they choose.  
 REV. CHARLES STELZLE.

**ONE FOR POST.**  
 Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, chief of the bureau of chemistry of the national department of agriculture, was one of the chief speakers at the Minnesota conservation congress held recently in St. Paul, and he certainly took a sound rap at C. W. Post and the others of his kind who impose on the public an alleged breakfast food. Doctor Wiley said: "There is more nutrition in 1 cent's worth of corn meal than in 10 cents' worth of any prepared breakfast food on the market. I thank God that I can still digest my

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food and don't have to have it done for me in a factory." The doctor also handed out the following package, which certainly applies aptly to printers: "The trouble with us in this day and generation is that we get too much hot air and too little fresh air."

BE A BOOSTER.

Do you know there's lots of people Settin' round in every town Growin' like a broody chicken Knockin' every good thing down? Don't you be that kind o' cattle, 'Cause they ain't no use on earth You just be a booster rooster, Crow and boost for all you're worth Boost for Lincoln!

If your town needs boostin', boost 'er. Don't hold back and wait to see If some other feller's willin'— Sall right in—this country's free; No one's got a mortgage on it, It's just your's as much as his If your town is shy on boosters, You get in the booster biz. Boost for Lincoln!

If things don't seem to suit you And the world seems kinder wrong, What's the matter with a boostin' Just to help the thing along? 'Cause if things should stop a-goin' We'd be in a sorry plight, You just keep that horn a-blowin' Boost 'er up with all your might. Boost for Lincoln!

If you know some feller's fallin', Just forget 'em, 'cause you know That same feller's got some good points Them's the ones you want to show. "Cast your loaves upon the waters, They'll come back," 's a sayin' true, Mebbe they will come back "buttered" When some feller boosts for you. Boost for Lincoln! —The Booster's Boy.

THINK IT OVER.

"How may times has a Manufacturers' Association ever established a shorter day, increased the pay, or bettered conditions in any trade? Not once in ten thousand years. Only labor unions do that.—Iron Trades Journal.

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