

CURRENT COMMENT

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the enactment of wise and just compensation laws.

Isn't it about time that the water committee of the council and its chairman, William Schroeder, awoken to a realization of the fact that it is quite as important that the water service be adequate as it is to have a big balance to the good in the water fund at the end of the fiscal year? And isn't it quite as important that a municipality keep its pledges to the taxpayers as it is that one citizen shall keep his word when given to a fellow citizen?

The legislature will convene in less than three months, and yet we have heard nothing from that wonderful committee made up of reformers who were to draft a city charter that would be the wonder and admiration of the world. Is it to be a star chamber charter? Or is it possible that the zeal of the reformers has suffered an abatement? A few months ago the daily papers were teeming with refer-

ence to the tireless work of the men who were going to frame a charter for Lincoln that would make the Galveston plan and the Des Moines plan look like soiled dummies in a brand new deck. We were going to have a commission made up of wealthy men willing to serve their city without pay, giving it the benefit of the experience they had gained in getting rich off of the increase in the value of real estate willed to them by their fathers. We were going to have a charter embodying the boiled down wisdom of a dozen different organizations formed for the purpose of making the New Jerusalem look like Hell's Half Acre when compared to Lincoln. We were going to have a commission plan of government that would make Lincoln so clean and white that a ball of new-picked cotton would make a black mark on it. And so the summer slipped along, and now we are approaching the legislative session and not a blooming word comes down from the municipal oracles who were to do all these things. This again brings us back to the query—it is a star chamber charter they seek to foist upon us like they tried to foist the late lamented charter, or have the zeal-

ous reformers lost their zeal? We inquire to know.

The "pay as you enter" system of street cars is all right, but the success of the system depends upon having cars to fit it. When it comes to trying to enforce the system on a lot of antediluvian, worn-out cars it becomes a positive nuisance. When we add to all this the present system of registering fares, which compels conductors to indicate the three kinds of transportation offered, it simply means that the transportation facilities degenerate into a farce instead of an ordinary joke, as heretofore. Lincoln's transportation facilities are hardly equal to the everyday demands upon it, and when to that every-day demand is added the tremendous demands of a state fair week it becomes positively ridiculous. Lincoln has had some pretty bad street car service during fair week, but it is doubtful if it ever was quite so bad as it was last week.

We fondly hope that Councilman Meier will not let up on his graft charges because a few of his councilmanic comrades waxed wroth when he

sprung them. We really would like to see him follow up that little matter of the cement bags, for we've heard a lot about it from different sources for several months. Once upon a time there was a big blow from a very radical reform sheet because a clerk in the water department took a few circus tickets, but if that same sheet has put its sleuths to work on the cement bag graft we have failed to learn of it.

Reverting again to the resignation of Frank W. Brown from the park board, we do not recall having heard that Chairman Hardy objected to selling the city furniture for the mayor's office when Mr. Hardy was a member of the park board. Nor did we hear Mr. Pratt objecting because he himself sold official bonds to city officials when he was city clerk. Nor have we any recollection of hearing Councilman Candy ripped up the back because he sold books to officials while he himself was a city official. Lincoln is doing enough graft-straining to swallow a whole caravan of camels.

Federal Judge Smith McPherson denied the injunction asked by C. W.

Post in the Buck Stove Co. case. Ordinarily Post would have shown great wisdom in taking his suit before Judge McPherson, but things have been happening of late. A little paper down in Girard, Kansas, known as the "Appeal to Reason," and damned heartily by every hidebound partisan and every tool of special interests, has been hammering away on men like McPherson until it has actually made a few dents. And Judge McPherson, whose hide heretofore has been as impervious to assault as a hippo's hide is to duck shot, has oozed a few drops of judicial blood as a result of the "Appeal to Reason's" shots. That's why the judge didn't grab a pen and grant that injunction off-hand. This may be a vicious assault on the courts, and perhaps it is contempt, but just the same it is the undeniable truth.

We are informed that the Commercial Club, or some of its several departments, is arranging for another "trade extension tour." We hope the Hebron band is getting ready to answer the call of the Lincoln gentlemen who are always crying about "Let us all work together for Lincoln."

STAGE EMPLOYES.

All Back at Work and Happy as Clams at High Tide.

With three theatres and two picture houses in full blast again the Theatrical Stage Employees find themselves humping away once more. The Stage Employees can make good on a boast that no other Lincoln local can truthfully make—they have an absolutely closed shop town. They have every right to be proud of this fact. This hustling bunch of mechanics has been widely complimented on their showing in the Labor Day parade. There wasn't a single stage employe in the line, but all were represented by a banner that explained the fact to the satisfaction of all. "Theatrical Stage Employees, 35 strong and all working—this is our busy day." That told the story. All the theatres were open, but the stage men put the banner in the parade and made good.

The International Alliance of Theatrical Stage employes now numbers upward of 10,000 members, and is reported to be steadily growing, with local unions in all the principal cities of the country.

INTEREST THE WOMEN.

Lincoln Should Have a Woman's Trades Union League Soon.

In St. Louis a certain enemy of labor, an especial opponent to laws regulating labor of women, and of course an "open shop crank," was defeated for legislative nomination by the activities of the Women's Trade Union League. Under the convention or assembly scheme he would have been nominated.—Portland Labor Press.

Lincoln should by all means have a branch of the Woman's Trades Union League. What's the matter with the Central Labor Union taking hold of this matter and securing the services of the national president, Mrs. Raymond Robins? Lincoln unionists know Mr. Robins, and know that he is a wonder. But on the quiet, and meaning no offense to Mr. Robins, there are those who are certain that Mrs. Robins has him on the hummer when it comes to stirring up trades union sentiment and making organization possible. There used to be a Women's Label League in Lincoln, but it was allowed to die a natural death, doubtless because its scope of action was too limited. The Women's Trades Union League comprehends the whole system of organization work, and such a local in Lincoln would mean great good to the movement. By all means let an effort be made to induce Mrs. Robins and some of her co-workers to come to Lincoln and establish a local.

THE MUSICIANS

Little News Notes About the Oom-Pahs and Ta-Tas.

The Lombardi band at the state fair was a union organization, every member including the leader carrying a card in the Musicians' Protective Association. Owing to sickness and other causes the band reached Lincoln short several members of the contract number, and a call was made upon the local union for the services of ten men. This number was supplied. Signor Brunisina, Signor Frenchinola, Signor Thornburginelli and other well known local musicians were easily spotted by their acquaintances.

Murray French of the French-Yates Shoe Co., has adjusted his little misunderstanding with the Lincoln local and is again happy in being square on the books. Both the local and Mr. French are to be congratulated. Capital Beach will close its season in a few days, thus throwing several men out of work, but the cessation will be temporary. The opening of the Orpheum, Lyric and Oliver means three big orchestras, and the dancing season will

soon open up—all of which means that every orchestra man in the city will be in demand.

Steve Jelinek is now a member of the Orpheum orchestra, which is augmented in size this season.

LABOR DAY COMMITTEE.

Met Sunday and Settled the Labor Day Business Quickly.

We hold that the unionists of Lincoln can settle up their Labor Day matters quicker than any other set of union men in the country. The Labor Day committee met last Sunday afternoon at the Temple, audited all bills and arranged for their payment, settled all other matters and adjourned sine die.

The receipts from Capital Beach amounted to \$183.65. The guarantee fund put up by the unions amounted to \$117.80, making total available fund of \$301.45. The total expenditures amounted to \$237.96. The balance of \$43.49 means that the unions putting up the guarantee fund will be given back 35 per cent of the same. This will be done as soon as the secretary-treasurer can do it. The \$15 sent for buttons that never came will doubtless be recovered, and this will mean an additional dividend of about 15 per cent.

The \$10 prize offered for the best decorated float was awarded to the Central Labor Union. The second prize of \$5.00 was awarded to the Machinists' Union of Haystack. The special prize of \$5.00 offered by The Wagerworker to the union man submitting the best motto for a banner was awarded to A. C. Roberts. His motto was "If you can not boost, don't knock."

The music cost \$80, that being the largest item of expense. The banners cost \$26. These banners were ordered covered and stored away so as to be available at future labor parades.

The Labor Day committee for 1910 performed its work well, and the great success of the celebration was due to the untiring efforts of the members. This is especially true of Chairman Kates and Secretary Parker, who worked night and day to keep things going rapidly and smoothly.

ROOSEVELT'S LABOR RECORD.

Does It Make Any Appeal to You, Mr. Worker?

Since actions speak louder than words, the simple record of what Theodore Roosevelt has done, and desired to do, for the workers, may fairly be taken as an estimate of the man by himself.

President of the police board of New York City, Roosevelt sought to equip the police force with a brutal and inhuman spike club for which the patent office had declined to grant a patent half a century ago.

Governor Roosevelt ordered out troops against the Croton Dam strikers in 1900, who as the Times said, "surprised the military and civil authorities by preserving perfect order."

President Roosevelt branded Moyer and Heywood as "undesirable citizens," along with his friend Harriman and Gene Debs.—Duluth Labor World.

CENTRAL LABOR UNION.

Short Session Gets Away With Usual Grist of Routine.

The Central Labor Union met on Friday evening of last week, but owing to the fact that it was so soon after Labor Day the attendance was not very good. Little outside of routine business was taken up. It was decided to have the new constitution and by-

EFFECT OF GOOD EXAMPLE.

Office building scrubwomen at Cleveland struck recently for \$1.25 a day. The payment of \$1.35 per day of eight hours at the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers' new building is responsible for the unrest.

Cool Evenings Are Here

That means heavier clothing. Come and see the new things for fall. You may take our word for it --- we have the choicest stock to show you that has ever been in our store. Below we give you an idea of some of the values and prices. Come early and get the best.

Cloakroom



We were fortunate to secure a lot of 35 medium weight Wool Worsted Suits at our own price. They are this season's products and will be excellent bargains at the price of

\$12.50 and \$9.75
Diagonal and Shadow Striped Worsteds, in gray; sizes 14 to 40, in green 14-16, in black and navy sizes 38 to 44. Coats 32-inch, satin lined with Moire silk trimmings, skirts pleated. Regular price, \$19.50, \$17.50, \$16.50. Your choice at.....**\$9.75**
Chiffon Panama Navy, sizes 40-44; black, 34, 36-44; grey, 32, 34, 38. Coats, 32-inch long, satin lined, plain tailored with deep pleated skirts. Regular \$22.50-\$27.50 values. Choice at.....**\$12.50**
(Moderate charge for alterations.)

SKIRT SNAPS.

Assortment Checked Panama and Mohair Skirts; were sold at \$7.50 to \$9.50. Choice at.....**\$2.95**
Black Taffeta Dress Skirts, in pleated style, mostly large sizes; were \$9.95 and \$13.50. Choice at.....**\$3.95**

Variety of Panama, Serge and Mohair Skirts; many handsome styles to select from; worth \$7.50 to \$8.50. Choice.....**\$4.95**

CHILDREN'S WINTER COATS

Silk Plush, Curly Bearskins and Flannels; sizes 2 to 6, at.....**\$2.95 and \$2.50**
Kersey, Beaver, Cheviot and Melton Cloth, Silk Plush and imitation Caracule; sizes 6 to 14, in all colors. Low priced, from **\$2.95 up to \$9.95**

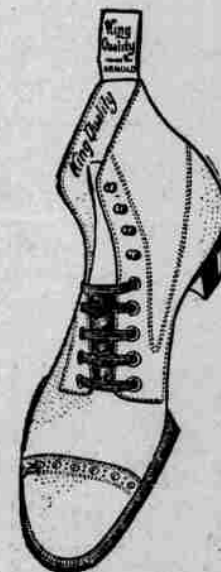
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We are also showing a nice line of Puffs, Braids and Switches, assorted prices.

Dry Goods Department

WOOLEN DRESS GOODS

Now is the time to buy your fall dress goods while the line is complete. We are showing all the new effects, in Serges, Batistes, Henriettas' Panamas, Mohair, Broad Cloths, etc.—a great line to choose from.....**35c up to \$1.75**

BLANKETS—BLANKETS

These cool nights you will need Blankets. Don't forget to look at our line. We have Cotton Blankets, in colors grey, white, tan and blue, with fancy borders. Prices from 57c to **\$3.50**

OUTING FLANNELS

We have what you want in Outings. In plain colors and fancy stripes and checks. A great line of new patterns. Colors pink, blue, grey and tan. Prices from.....**6 1/2c up to 15c**
We also carry a great line of Bleached and Unbleached Outing at popular prices.

EMBROIDERY SPECIAL

1 lot of 5 and 6 yard remnants of Embroidery Edging and Insertions; all first class shapes. Will close out this line this week at a great reduction. Pieces worth from 15c up to 35c a yard. Will close out at.....**10c yard**
Do not cut pieces.

BELTS—BELTS

Just received a nice line of Patent Leather and Persian Belts. Has Brass Buckles and Button Fasteners. Colors black and red. A regular 75c value. Our price.....**50c**

DRESS GINGHAMS

For Children's School Dresses, the new styles in plaids. Have you seen them? Comes in assorted colors in plaid effects, 32 inches wide, at, yard.....**15c**

COTTON CHALLIES

The newest styles in Cotton Challies—we have them. Colors lavender, red, pink, tan and blue; assorted figures, at yd.....**15c**
35c CRETONS, 19c
15 pieces of extra heavy Creton or Feather Ticking, in light and dark styles, worth 35c. To close.....**19c**

FLANNELETTES

Our patterns in Flannelettes are of the latest make—all up to date, very stylish, in colors grey, blue, tan, pink, green, black and brown. Prices from.....**10c up to 15c**

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Our Table Linen stock is complete—never was better. Very pretty patterns, Mercerized Cotton and Linen, Damask; assorted widths. Worth from **25c, 35c, 50c, 75c, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50** Also a nice line of table patterns from.....**\$3.50 up to \$5.00**

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