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### THE CANDIDACY OF HITCHEOCK.

In Gilbert M. Hitchcock the unionists of Nebraska have a candidate for United States Senator for whom they may vote with confidence. It is high time that union men learned that in partisan politics they will never find a remedy for present day evils, but that in order to win they must disregard partisanship and vote for men openly in sympathy with every righteous aim and object of organized labor.

Organized labor should vote solidly for those candidates for senate and congress who are known to be steadfastly opposed to government by injunction, prosecution of labor organizations under the Sherman anti-trust law, protection to trusts and combine under the guise of protection to American labor, and further encroachments of the judiciary upon the functions of the legislative and executive departments of the government.

Gilbert M. Hitchcock stands with organized labor on all of these points.

Organized labor should vote solidly for those candidates for senate and house who are in favor of postal savings banks that mean something, railroad regulation that means something, employers' liability laws that mean something, workmen's compensation acts that mean something, assumption risks laws that mean something. Gilbert M. Hitchcock stands for all of these things in a measure that will do justice to the wage earners without doing injustice to the employers.

Mr. Hitchcock is one of the largest employers of union labor in the west. The World-Herald, which he owns and publishes, is union throughout. He has never had any labor troubles in his establishment. He has always been ready to confer with the unions represented in his establishment, and he has always been known as a just and generous employer.

Mr. Hitchcock is a democrat—a fact that should not, among organized wage earners, count either for or against him. All that they should consider is how he stands toward organized labor and how his principles square with those of the labor organizations.

He is opposed to any such tariff law as we now have, but he is not a free trader. He believes that the highest measure of protection needed, and the highest justified, is a tariff that will make up the difference between the cost of production abroad and the cost of production at home. He is the real father of the postal savings banks. He has always been steadfast in his opposition to corporate control of governmental affairs. His vote on all measures conducive to the welfare of labor has always been cast upon the right side. His record in congress is as straight as a string, and his record as an employer of labor is one that should commend him to wage earners.

The Wagworker, which knows neither politics nor religion when it comes to the support of candidates for public office, believes that organized workingmen will honor themselves by supporting, working for and voting for Gilbert M. Hitchcock for the United States senate.

### MR. BRYAN'S POSITION.

Mr. Bryan's announcement of his attitude in the present campaign ought to be sufficient answer to those fanatical and prejudiced people who are attempting to besmirch the personal character of James C. Dahlgren. We may wisely and fairly differ from Mr. Dahlgren on some of the things which he espouses, but we can not honestly and fairly attack his private record as a citizen. As the matter now stands Dahlgren stands more than a fair show of election. If his opponents undertake to make their campaign on abuse of the man instead of argument against the things he stands for as a candidate, they will elect him by an overwhelming majority.

In the language of an old-time politician, "Party lines are shot all to hell in this campaign." Reduced to its last analysis this is a campaign for or against prohibition. That it is attempted to disguise it beneath the cloak of county option will not deceive anybody, and the attempt to thus deceive is not to the credit of those who make such pretense of virtue.

We may not wholly agree with Mr. Dahlgren on some things which he ad-

vocates, but we may at least, like Mr. Bryan, give him credit for having the manhood and the courage to stand out in the open instead of trying to masquerade.

This is not a campaign of men, but of measures. As for this humble little newspaper, it prefers to support a square and honest man on a poor platform rather than a trimmer and a dodger on a platform. Bad men will not carry out a good platform, but honest men will minimize the evils of a bad platform.

Do not be deceived by any efforts that may be put forth to make this a campaign of personalities. The issues are clearly joined, and upon those issues the campaign should be fought.

The union man who votes for Silas A. Barton for re-election to the office of auditor of public accounts will make no mistake, for Mr. Barton is as square as they make 'em.

If you want to know what manner of man Grant Martin is, inquire among the people of Dodge county. Mr. Martin is the republican candidate for attorney general. We have known him for fifteen years, and although we differ politically we are in hearty accord on those things pertaining to the welfare of Nebraska. That's why the editor of The Wagworker is going to vote for Grant Martin.

We will be woefully deceived if The Lincoln Daily Star, under the ownership of Mr. Gooch and the management of Mr. Tobin, does not speedily blossom forth into one of the greatest newspapers in the Trans-Mississippi country. The Daily Star has the editorial and reportorial staff to make it the equal of any of them, and with men at the head anxious to make a newspaper that staff can now buckle down and do things. We are expecting great things of the Lincoln Daily Star.

The local unions of Nebraska ought to begin considering the matter of representation at the Nebraska State Federation of Labor convention at Havelock next January. The legislature will be in session then, and there ought to be such a gathering as will convince the lawmakers that the organized workers of the state mean business.

O, Dear! If workingmen would only take as much interest in the questions of labels and organizations as they do in the question of "personal liberty," the organized labor movement would arrive somewhere with considerably more speed.

We regret to note that the gentlemen engaged in framing that proposed city charter can not get together without knocking each other apart. They act just like common working people.

It is time that the workers of Lincoln and vicinity understood that there is a concerted move being made to drive the union labels out of this community. This is especially true of the Allied Printing Trades label.

The Omaha Commercial Club is arranging for a "swing around the circle." We'll bet any reasonable amount that the band taken along by the Omaha Commercial Club will be an Omaha band.

Counting by miles the Traction Co. gives good service. Counting by convenience, however, might make a different showing.

Let us cheerfully admit that when it comes to proving by statistics that it is giving excellent service the Lincoln Traction Co. is the peer of them all.

Vote for no legislative candidates who refuse to vote for the senatorial candidate receiving the highest number of votes at the November election.

"Let's all work together for Lincoln." Not with our mouths only, but with our energies and our talents.

If the candidate's card does not bear the label, tell him. If the candidate is not union at heart, ditch him!

The Lincoln Traction Co. shows up with a deficit. Shake! We know of at least two of us.

Lincoln does not want an "ideal charter." It merely wants a commonsense charter.

Remember how we marched September 5! Well, let's vote that way November 8.

Anyhow, prohibition under the name of county option has the same old odor.

Play the game square! And you can't do it by "scabbing" politically.

When you hear Lincoln "knocked," knock the knocker.

Issues, not men!

# IN THE GOOD OLD DAYS

☞ You've read about them if you did not live them. Remember how ready-made clothing in those days was cut out with a circular saw, and the five-foot-ten-inch man measuring 38 around the waist had to be fitted with the same sizes as the six-foot man measuring 32 or 44 inches around the waist. We've made rapid strides forward during the past two decades, but in nothing has the improvement been more marked than in the custom made clothing business. Today the up-to-date manufacturers of clothing figure to fit men as well as tailors can do --- and they succeed. Tall, short, lean, stout, fat; tall and thin, tall and fat, short and lean, short and fat--any size whatsoever -- the custom clothiers fit them like the paper on the wall.

## And We Have The Best From The Best Makers.

☞ Clothes that are almost unbelievably good -- perfection in fit, perfection in fabric, perfection in mode, perfection in make -- the very acme of perfection in the clothing line. That is what has been reached by the makers of the garments we are showing this season. The old adage that "seeing is believing" was never better exemplified than in our line of men's wear this season. Not only do we excel in all these things, but we excel in assortment. The lines were never larger, just as they were never better -- and the price range is suited to the abilities of every man. You do not expect to get a \$40 value in a \$15 suit. But you have a right to expect one hundred cents' worth of value for every dollar you expend. That's fair and just -- and that's what we offer. The amount you pay is within the bounds of your own judgment. The value you get is the full worth of the money.

## Suits \$10 to \$40 -- Full Value

☞ Come in and see what we have, examine carefully, ask any questions you will, try on, test them, look at them -- satisfy yourself in any way you will. We know the result -- when you get ready to buy you will buy an Armstrong suit.

# Armstrong Clothing Co.

FURNISHINGS

GOOD CLOTHES MERCHANTS

MEN'S HATS

### ELECTRICAL WORKERS.

#### Omaha Linemen Out to Secure Better Wages and Conditions.

The linemen employed by the Omaha Electric Light and Power Co. are out on strike for a wage in keeping with the work they do and the dangers they constantly face. Of course the company says it can get plenty of men at the old wage, but that is what it said a few months ago--and it couldn't. The claim is further made that the wage scale is already higher than in neighboring cities of the same class.

Linemen in Tacoma are on strike for a higher wage. The management of the companies employing them declare that "there is nothing to arbitrate." Local electrical workers are watching with interest the legal wrangle between the Bell and the Independents. Work is fairly good, but it has often been better in this immediate vicinity.

### THE CARPENTERS.

#### Some Notes of the Men Who Work in Wood.

Business Agent Eisler of Local No. 1055 is in Des Moines, Ia., this week, representing the local at the annual convention of the Brotherhood. While there Mr. Eisler will attempt to have the Brotherhood take cognizance of the situation in this neck o' the woods and make a special appropriation for missionary work here and hereabouts. The convention is the largest in the history of the Brotherhood, and Des Moines is showing the delegates and visitors the time of their lives. The Des Moines Carpenters' Union has almost 1,000 members and is one of the biggest locals in the United States. Work is picking up a bit as brighter crop reports come in. The work on

the Y. M. C. A. buildings will soon be under full headway. The new First National Bank block and the new Bankers' Life block will furnish a lot of inside work during the winter months. These three big jobs mean a lot during the months when cold weather prevents work outside.

Carpenters in West Point, Ky., have succeeded in negotiating a new scale whereby the men get an advance of 2 1/2 cents per hour. The new scale was signed without any trouble whatever.

Carpenters in Quincy, Mass., have just signed a new scale which provides for an advance in wages from \$3.25 to \$3.60 per day of eight hours with the half-holiday on Saturday, the year round.

A large majority of the contractors of Milwaukee who are employers of union labor have signed the new wage scale of the Carpenters, which provides for an increase from 40 to 42 1/2 cents an hour.

### LABOR TEMPLE DIRECTORS.

#### Call Out for Meeting Next Monday Evening Without Fail.

It has been a long time since the board of directors of the Labor Temple Association has held a meeting. An imperative call is out for a meeting next Monday evening, and it is absolutely necessary that a full attendance be had, as it is necessary to take action looking towards meeting some financial obligations that can not longer be postponed.

There seems to be a disposition to let matters drift along, trusting to providence to take care of things. This must be eradicated at once or there will be trouble. The feeling that if the union men do not come to the front it will be easy to raise the money

among business men is, too, altogether too prevalent. The union men ought to come across, and they will if they get the proper encouragement.

A statement of the financial condition of the association is promised for the Monday evening meeting, and when this is submitted it will be easy to get out among the workers and sell stock. Every director should make it a point to be on hand next Monday evening.

### THE PLUMBERS.

#### A Little Bouquet Handed to a Deserving Organization.

The United Association of Journeyman Plumbers is a militant labor union that does things. It will not tolerate the "open shop" fraud. It has fought in some instances for six years to bring some shops to time. During the last year it has secured an increase in wages for as much as a dollar a day for its members--in some instances. It loses some fights for a time, but it always "comes back" as youthful and fresh as ever.--Portland Labor Press.

Lincoln plumbers are keeping right along on the even tenor of their way, and are making progress all the time. The ranks are growing, and the union spirit is getting stronger.

If Bert Chipman is worrying any about the charges filed against him he don't show it.

### THE PRESSMEN.

#### Local Conditions Promise Better Things in the Near Future.

Lincoln Pressmen were not at all sorry when they read the news that the Daily Star had changed hands. They feel satisfied that in due time

they will be able to point to another big press room squared.

Martin P. Higgins, ex-president of the International Printing Pressmen and Assistants' Union, has been appointed foreman of the pressroom in the municipal printing plant at Boston, Mass.

Business is good at present, and the promise for increasing work is unusually good. This is a general campaign year, and by the time the rush of campaign work is well over the task of getting ready for the rush of legislative work will begin.

### THE BOILER MAKERS.

#### Just a Word About a Bunch of Men Who Emulate Glue.

The Boilermakers of Havelock are still "sticking." While many of the strikers have gone elsewhere, enough of the old guard hangs out to make worry and trouble for the unfair management. The local will continue through the coming winter to give a number of social functions to help along in the good cause, and Lincoln workers who love to trip the light fantastic ought to take advantage of the opportunities, for they will not only have good times but will be helping along a good cause.

Boilermakers along the Missouri Pacific in Missouri are on strike to help the machinists win a severe struggle. The Blacksmiths are now voting on the same proposition.

### PLASTERERS.

Buffalo, N. Y., plasterers have been granted a substantial increase in wages and are now receiving 55 cents per hour.