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FUNNY, ISN'T IT?

It is awfully easy to make the plea of "patronize home industries and institutions" when yours happens to be one of those industries or institutions. The trouble with most people who are continually making the "home patronage" plea is that they forget about it when it comes their time to buy something.

We have in mind a certain Lincoln institution that is much given to advertising that it is a Nebraska institution, therefore entitled to the support and patronage of Nebraskans. So far so good. But this particular institution is just now engaged in erecting a fine building in Lincoln.

Is a Lincoln contracting firm erecting the aforesaid building?

No! The sign erected upon the scene announces that a Chicago contracting firm is doing the work.

"O" you say, "Lincoln contractors had a chance to bid on it."

Doubtless that is true. And it is more than likely that their bids were a little higher than the bid of the Chicago firm.

But where will the money go that is paid this Chicago firm? It will go to Chicago, be spent with Chicago business firms and paid out in the way of insurance premiums to eastern insurance companies.

Even if a little more had been paid to Lincoln contractors at least the money would have been kept at home, spent by Lincoln mechanics among Lincoln business men, and eventually would have found its way back to the institution in question.

The trouble is so many business men want you to buy of them regardless of price, while they reserve the right to hire their labor from abroad if they can get it a few cents a day cheaper per man.

What Lincoln needs right now, more than any other one thing, is a more liberal spirit towards Lincoln mechanics. The dollars paid to Lincoln mechanics remain in Lincoln to help to swell the volume of business. When paid to imported labor most of it goes elsewhere, thereby decreasing the volume of Lincoln business. Wages are not excessive in Lincoln—not by any means. And there are plenty of Lincoln mechanics to perform all the work there is to be performed now.

It's all right to shout aloud about "Let us all work together for Lincoln," but right now we need a little

less shouting and a lot more of acting upon the advice.

Isn't it about time that Joseph S. Bartley be retired as a political argument in Nebraska? Some of these days the people of this state will realize that during the parlous panic times of 1892-94 Bartley saved the people of this state a hundred times more money than he was charged with sequestering. Some time or other the editor of The Wageworker may run for state office—can't tell. But in order to give his enemies a hunch he'll state right now that he not only signed the petition for Bartley's pardon, but he worked for it as best he knew how. And he'd do it again, and still again, if Bartley were still made the scapegoat of as fine a lot of political rascals as ever disgraced a sovereign state—and then went back on the victim of their misdeeds.

The Los Angeles police, after telling us that they had the bomb throwers corralled, now admit that they are unable to produce the men. But they can doubtless lay their hands on the man who detected leaking gas five hours before the explosion and mentioned the fact to several people.

Col. John Kirby, president of the National Manufacturers' Association, favors us with advance proofs of an editorial for "American Industries" in which he proves to his own satisfaction that labor unions are anarchistic organizations. Men like Kirby are manufacturing anarchists pretty fast, we admit, but not quite as fast as the labor unions are making model citizens.

Honestly, we do not believe that under county option the grass would be any greener, wages any higher, the sun any brighter or the vexed problem of liquor any nearer solution. Therefore we have to date been unable to wax enthusiastic over the county option question.

With three candidates for governor in the field no man is compelled to make choice between any two gubernatorial candidates. That's a point to remember on election day.

After looking in vain for the name of a single union man on either of the old party tickets, The Wageworker refuses to enthuse over politics this year.

The Ministerial Union of Omaha has endorsed Candidate Aldrich. For once, at least, the Ministerial Union and Tom Dennison are in hearty accord.

We rejoice very much to note that Candidate Aldrich is no longer showing a disposition to tear up the railroad tracks.

Let us all fondly hope that Mr. Thompson feels better, now that he has got that out of his system.

Candidate Dahlman either thinks he has a pretty good hand or he is playing a four-flush to the limit.

Reports are to the effect that much of Nebraska's rye will go at least seven gallons to the acre.

The wise politicians are not making any political forecasts this campaign.

A LITTLE TALK ON THRIFT

Thrift is the mother of Independence. He is thrifty who spends less than he earns. He who spends more than he earns stores up trouble. Thrift is a habit—easy to acquire. Once acquired it means independence. We help you form the habit, and actually pay you for forming it. Make up your mind to save a certain amount out of every wage check. Cash the check with us and leave a part. We pay you for saving with us. While you are adding your deposits we are paying you **Four Per Cent** interest thereon. Interest is a wonderful thing. It works night and day. A dollar a week saved means a home in a few years. Come in and let us explain our system.

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