

THE WAGEWORKER.



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THE MUSICIANS.

Largest Meeting in Recent Months Held Last Sunday Morning

Because of some political doings, and because of general notices issued, the meeting of the Musicians' Union at the Labor Temple last Sunday morning was the largest in recent months. Practically every seat in the hall was occupied, and practically every resident member of the organization, with the exception of the lady members, was present.

The meeting brought out one of those incidents common to trades unionism, but too often overlooked by the general public. One of the members has been experiencing great trouble recently, through sickness in his family entailing heavy expense and preventing him from working steadily. He frankly stated his case to his local's officials, who took it up. At the meeting Sunday morning the local quietly, and without a fuss, went to the brother's assistance. The assistance offered was not perfunctory, either. It consisted of taking care of accumulated debts for physicians and medical expenses for a few weeks to come until the brother could get on his feet.

By unanimous vote of the local the subscription to The Wageworker was ordered renewed. The most pleasant feature of this part of the business was the kindly way the members spoke of the paper.

Nothing in the way of partisan politics was discussed, but the executive board asked for instructions regarding the circulation of a dodger setting forth the facts concerning a candidate for state senator. It was decided not to issue the dodger but to confine the efforts of the membership to work at the polls in the interests of candidates of known to be friendly to trades unionism.

Due notice should be taken of the fact that the December meeting will be the occasion for the election of officers for the ensuing year.

Strange as it may appear, the fact that the campaign just closed was one of the warmest in recent years, it did not benefit the musicians to any considerable extent. The Hitchcock meeting last Saturday night was about the only political meeting that had the services of a band. The Journal's election bulletin party Tuesday night also requisitioned a dozen bandmen under Director Thornburg.

O SHUCKS, SADIE!

Bloated Land Holder Now, Kennedy Hollers About Taxes.

Of course! After damning the rich for years because of their greed and their ability to dodge taxes, Frank

Kennedy is now on the other side. Since he got hold of a patch of dirt up in South Dakota he has been growing away from common people who were merely renters, and now he is hollering his head off about heavy taxes.

Wouldn't that jar you? Here we went and give Kennedy that land to start with—that is our Uncle Sam did, and we are heirs to Uncle Sam's property—and now he comes back at us and says we are piling the taxes up on him.

Abas, Kennedy!

Also avaunt!

Which exhausts our French, or we'd say a lot more. Just like all the rest of 'em. No sooner does he get away from the bunch than he puts on kid gloves, dons patent leather shoes and begins hollering about his taxes and the shiftlessness of the poor.

Darn these new-made plutocrats, anyhow.

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TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION.

Took a Little Hand in Senatorial and Congressional Scraps.

The only thing outside of routine business at last Sunday's meeting of Lincoln Typographical Union was the adoption of resolutions endorsing the candidacy of Gilbert M. Hitchcock for United States senator, and the candidacy of John A. Maguire for congressman from the First district. The resolutions follow:

"Since an attempt has been made through a campaign circular mailed from Lincoln to create the impression that organized labor in Nebraska favors the re-election of E. J. Burkett as United States senator, which information is wholly false and misleading, the members of Typographical Union No. 209 of Lincoln desire to express themselves publicly regarding the contents of said circular as follows:

"We repudiate any pretended indorsement of Mr. Burkett as coming from accredited representatives of union labor, and on the contrary declare that in our judgment he is unworthy to receive the support of wage-workers. As a body affiliated with the Nebraska state federation of labor we emphatically declare that any indorsement purporting to come from that source in behalf of Mr. Burkett is without authority and is not sanctioned by the various branches of labor composing such federation.

"We condemn Senator Burkett for turning a deaf ear to the protests of organized labor when he forced the appointment of Ross Hammond, an employing publisher hostile to our interests, as internal revenue collector for Nebraska at a time when the members of the Typographical Union who had been employed by Hammond were demanding in vain the recognition of their organization, a fair wage scale and reasonable conditions of employment.

"We recognize in Gilbert M. Hitchcock, the opponent of Senator Burkett, a man who has always been friendly to organized labor, not only by employing union men and paying the union wages in his business, but by the work he has done in congress in our behalf. We heartily endorse Mr. Hitchcock's

candidacy for the senate and call upon all members and friends of organized labor to vote for him and against E. J. Burkett.

"We, as citizens of Lincoln and admirers of Congressman John A. Maguire, desire to express our entire confidence in his unimpeachable integrity and in his ability to efficiently represent the First district in congress. We believe that his splendid record entitles him to re-election, and we wish to commend him with our heartiest approval as a representative who has, at all times, stood for the interests of the people. His two years in congress has given him an influence and standing in that body which makes him a valuable man for this state, and his friendship toward organized labor should command the loyal support of every wage-worker. Why not avail ourselves of this tried and true representative in congress by re-electing him for a second term? His record will bear the most careful investigation and should be considered before casting your vote at the coming election."

Silas R. Barton, republican for auditor, was also endorsed by ringing resolutions.

LOOK OUT.

Railroad Men Can Help, But Will It Help Them Much?

The organization among railroad employes, furthered by the managers, can do a whole lot—for the companies. But will it help the men a great deal? That is a question that should be studied. The new organization is expected to get into politics, and throw the hooks into all candidates who are not in favor of dropping all further attempts at regulation of railroads. The employes can do this, and they can go a long ways toward stopping the agitation in favor of more thorough regulation. This, of course, will enable the railroads to increase rates and therefore increase profits. But when did the railroad managers ever offer a fair division of the profits with the employes?

The employes can help the managers get more dividends, and after they have done this they will have to make the usual fight to get a little bit of the increased profits. Will it pay better to stand by the railroads and get a tiny bit, or stand by the great general public and share in the great benefits to be derived from making the railroads tote fair?

Pretty big question, and thoughtful railroad employes ought to devote more time to its consideration.

The Iowa Central strike, which began Saturday at noon, when 160 union carpenters and painters walked out because two negro laborers had been employed in the shops, was declared off yesterday when the men returned to work. The negroes have been taken from the shops and will be employed elsewhere.

Henry George, Jr., has been elected to congress from New York City. That's glorious news, for it means another congressman who is four square with the workers, all right on the question of organization, and in hearty sympathy with every reform that trades unionists are working for. We ought to have four score men like Henry George, Jr., in congress.

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