

**LABOR UNION DIRECTORY.**

Following is a directory of the Trades and Labor Unions of Lincoln and vicinity. Local secretaries are respectfully asked to report any changes or corrections herein, to the end that an accurate and convenient directory be maintained.

**CENTRAL LABOR UNION**—Meets second and fourth Tuesday evenings, Bruse's hall, President, J. W. Rudy, 1036 G. Secretary, F. A. Kates, 1039 K. Treasurer, T. W. Evans, 123 South Eleventh.

**LABOR TEMPLE DIRECTORY**—Meets every Monday evening, 127 North Twelfth street, President, J. W. Dickson, University place, Fred Ehringer, Sixteenth and D streets, Lincoln.

**MUSICIANS PROTECTIVE UNION, No. 463**—Meets first and third Sunday mornings, Bruse's hall, President, Wm. Finney, 125 South Sixteenth, Recording Secretary, W. C. Norton, 1533 North Twenty-fifth, Financial Secretary, N. A. Otis, 2234 Q.

**JOURNEYMEN BARBERS, No. 164**—Meets first and third Wednesday evening, Bohanan's hall, President, R. L. McBride, 1648 Q. Recording Secretary, Roy Ward, 1210 O. Financial Secretary, Roy Swinker, 1010 Q.

**BARTENDERS' LEAGUE, No. 399**—Meets third Sunday, 10 a. m., Carpenter's hall, President, William Brandt, 1225 R. Recording Secretary, Henry Ehlers, Financial Secretary, H. E. Sundeau, 1844 P.

**LEATHERWORKERS ON HORSE GOODS, No. 29**—Meets first and third Tuesday evenings, Bruse's hall, President, Fred Lewis, 216 South Sixteenth, Recording Secretary, Peter Smith, 226 South Eleventh.

**CIGARMAKERS, No. 143**—Meets every Monday evening, 1036 O. President, T. W. Evans, 123 South Eleventh, Secretary, John Steiner, 122 South Tenth.

**BOILERMAKERS' BROTHERHOOD, No. 497**—Meets second and fourth Wednesday evenings, Carpenter's hall, President, J. C. Grant, Ninth and U streets, Recording Secretary, P. S. Sherman, 422 P street, Financial Secretary, J. Bockoven.

**BLACKSMITHS AND HELPERS, No. 163**—Meets first and third Tuesday evenings, Campbell's hall, Havelock, President, O. D. Wagner, Recording Secretary, E. B. Bilson, Havelock.

**BUILDING TRADES SECTION.**

**BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS, No. 265**—Meets every Thursday evening, 1036 O street, President, C. M. Anderson, 2025 Q. Recording Secretary, G. E. Vennum, 1410 P. Financial Secretary, W. L. Mayer, 2225 Q.

**PLUMBERS AND GASFITTERS, No. 88**—Meets every Monday evening, Carpenter's hall, President, Ed English, 1933 U. Recording Secretary, George Chipman, 323 North Eleventh, Financial Secretary, Charles Burns, 546 North Twenty-sixth.

**PAINTERS AND DECORATORS, No. 18**—Meets every Thursday evening, Carpenter's hall, President, Charles Jennings, 1933 S. Recording Secretary, Wm. Wilkinson, 2100 N. Financial Secretary, Perry Jennings, 1935 S.

**CARPENTERS AND JOINERS, No. 1055**—Meets every Tuesday evening, Carpenter's hall, 130 North Tenth, President, F. B. Naracong, 130 South Twenty-eighth street, Recording Secretary, C. H. Chase, 2005 North Thirtieth, Financial Secretary, J. W. Dickson, 317 West St. Paul street, University Place.

**BRICKLAYERS AND MASONS, No. 2**—Meets every Friday evening, Carpenter's hall, President, E. L. Simon, 2245 E. Recording Secretary, P. W. Smith, R. F. D. 14, Financial Secretary, C. H. Meyers, 320 North Eleventh.

**RAILROAD BROTHERHOODS.**

**BROTHERHOOD OF LOCOMOTIVE ENGINEERS, Division No. 96**—Meets second and fourth Sunday, Chief Engineer, J. S. McCoy, 1208 U street, First Assistant Engineer, F. D. Palmer, 725 South Tenth street, Second Assistant Engineer, H. Wiggenjost, Court House.

**BOILERMAKERS' BROTHERHOOD, No. 119**—Meets second and fourth Friday evenings, A. O. U. W. hall, 1097 O. President, Charles Peterson, 1402 Jackson, Havelock, Secretary, Tom Duffy, Indiana and Toussain avenues, Havelock.

**MACHINISTS' ASSOCIATION, No. 698**—Meets first Friday in Havelock, third Friday at A. O. U. W. hall, Lincoln, President, J. A. Malstead, Havelock, Secretary, C. H. Lingle, 829 North Seventeenth.

**BROTHERHOOD OF RAILWAY CARMEN**—Meets first and third Saturday evenings, A. O. U. W. hall, President, H. T. Saxon, 1621 North Tenth, Recording Secretary, C. E. Cox, 2725 W. Financial Secretary, G. P. Ludwig, 1137 South Seventh.

**BROTHERHOOD OF LOCOMOTIVE FIREMEN AND ENGINEERS, No. 179**—Meets second and fourth Sunday afternoons, A. O. U. W. hall, Master, H. Kurtz, 821 North Twelfth, Secretary, J. K. Robinson, 2971 Q.

**BROTHERHOOD OF RAILWAY TRAINMEN, No. 170**—Meets second and fourth Sunday afternoons, Bohanan's hall, Master, J. D. Andrews, 1736 O. Secretary, D. J. Cooper, 2128 South Ninth.

**BROTHERHOOD OF SWITCHMEN, No. 120**—Meets first Sunday at 8 a. m., second Sunday at 2 p. m., Carpenter's hall, President, U. S. Swisher, 2747 Sumner, Recording Secretary, George Ray, 1202 Knox, Financial Secretary, J. Johnson, 2213 D.

**PRINTING TRADES SECTION.**

**ALLIED PRINTING TRADES COUNCIL**—Meets third Wednesday evening, Carpenter's hall, President, G. E. Loecher, 1202 South street, Secretary, Treasurer, J. H. Brooks, 709 North Ninth street.

**TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION, No. 299**—Meets first Sunday, 2 p. m., Fraternity hall, President, J. R. Baia, 129 South Thirtieth, Recording Secretary, H. W. Bingham, 2261 Holdrege, Financial Secretary, F. H. Hebbard, 1527 Washington.

**BOOKBINDERS' BROTHERHOOD, No. 120**—Meets third Monday evening, Carpenter's hall, President, C. C. Jerome, 1610 South Sixteenth, Secretary-Treasurer, Fred Reas, 1201 B.

**STEREOTYPERS AND ELECTROTYPERS, No. 62**—Meets third Wednesday evening, Carpenter's hall, President, A. K. Small, 2044 South Nineteenth, Secretary-Treasurer, Sam Asken, 2275 Dudley.

**CAPITAL AUXILIARY, No. 11**—Meets second and fourth Friday afternoons at home of members, President, Mrs. E. H. Hebbard, 1527 Washington, Secretary, Mrs. C. B. Righter, 2208 Dudley, Treasurer, Mrs. Charles Barngrover, 1421 North Twenty-sixth.

**PRESSMEN AND ASSISTANTS, No. 106**—Meets first Wednesday, Carpenter's hall, President, J. H. Brooks, 728 North Eleventh, Recording Secretary, E. C. Weger, 1526 N. Financial Secretary, W. D. King, 2030 M.

**WAGELABORER**

**WILL M. MAUPIN, EDITOR**

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**A FARCIAL SYSTEM.**

If the primary law, as exemplified last Tuesday, is a sample of what is best in the way of primaries, then in heaven's name let us abolish it and return to the old convention system. Of all the rip-roaring farces perpetrated in the sacred name of "reform," the primary law as it operates in this section of the moral vineyard is easily the chief. Instead of giving the individual voter a chance to express his free choice it blinds him down to a selection from a list of names which may include only chronic office-seekers. The secrecy of the ballot is abolished by reason of the infamous "party affiliation" declaration required before the primary voter can get a ballot, and then he is restricted to voting for the candidates on that ticket or else prevented altogether from expressing a choice. Hundreds of citizens were denied a vote at the primaries because they had registered as "prohibitionists" last spring. Others were denied a ballot because they had experienced a political change of heart during the last year.

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For Representative, Lancaster—**WILLIAM C. NORTON** of Lincoln.

**THE HUMILIATION OF IT.**

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Yet, Dickson, a staunch republican and a union man from the crown of his head to the soles of his feet, polled less than 400 votes—and there are easily 1,200 republican union men in the county.

Can any one explain it? That is, can anyone give any logical explanation that will stand the test? One reason why Dickson failed to win is that workingmen seem to be insanely jealous of one another, and when one of them happens to come out for office his fellow workers buck him.

Another reason is that workingmen are almighty quick to impute ulterior motives to their fellow workers who try to do something worth while in the cause of organized labor. Let some union man try to start something calculated to advance the cause of unionism, and immediately a lot of his fellow unionists will begin to shout "graft" and "grafter" after him.

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Another reason is that workingmen have no time to think when work is good and wages approximately satisfactory. They are so busy while they work, and so intent on having a good time when off duty that they have no time to think of the future. It is only when they are out of work and hungry that their mental apparatus gets into working order. Just call a mass meeting of workingmen today for the purpose of discussing the situation and you wouldn't get enough to answer to provide a chairman and a secretary. But just as soon as hard times come, and there is no work in sight, and the flour bin and coal box empty—then the mere hint of a mass meeting to consider industrial conditions would result in overflowing the largest hall in the city.

This is God's truth, fellow unionists, and you know it—distasteful as the truth may sound. The editor of this paper has been through the mill, and he knows what he knows by virtue of having gone through the bitter school of experience.

There will not be a single craftsman in the next legislature—not a single member with a union working card. There will be plenty of lawyers,

and insurance agents, and representatives of the grocers' association, and hired hands of the various trusts—but there will not be one solitary man who comes from the ranks of the wage-earners whose organizations are being outlawed by the courts and hamstrung by injunctions. There will not be a single legislator to stand up and make a fight for legislation that means something to the wage-earners. There will not be a single member to oppose the emasculation of the child labor law, to demand the abrogation of the infamous prison contract labor system, to fight the garnishee law which makes the state a collection agency for merchants who are unwilling to stand the consequences of their own foolish competition for business.

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always favored the primary system, and does yet. But it want no more of the present primary law.

The first thing the legislature should do is to repeal that section of the election laws which demands that a voter shall express a party preference when voting. That it merely a plan to perpetrate "machine" politics. Then the primary law should be so amended as to provide for an open primary, so that a decent, self-respecting, honest voter can vote for the men of his choice.

Judge Taft and Judge Ricks decided that railroad employes had no right to quit their employment, and at the same time decided that the railroad managers had a right to discharge you whenever they saw fit to do so. If you do not believe it, read what Frank P. Sargent, then grand chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, had to say about it in the May, 1893, issue of the North American Review. You will find it in the city library.

Judge Taft issued an order compelling brotherhood engineers and firemen to do the very things that their organizations' rules prohibited them from doing, and he made them use their own organization machinery to get his order before the membership.

The only republican legislative candidate who works for day's wages was studiously ignored and turned down by an organization that loves to talk about its deep interest in the welfare of the laboring man. Funny, isn't it?

This is the season of the year when a lot of men don't give a tinker's dam for the unions, break their necks to get the union label on their campaign cards. Vote for the man who has unionism in his heart.

The politicians don't care a rap how solidly you vote on Labor Day just so long as they can keep you at each other's throats on election day. Will we ever get wise?

This is the year of all years to convince the machine politicians that the "labor vote" is not a political myth.

There are a great many union men in Fairbury, Beatrice and Wymore, and they have an elegant opportunity

to hand a lemon to a man who has studiously refused to give heed to the reasonable demands of organized labor. Every union man in the Fourth congressional district ought to take particular pleasure in beating Congressman Hinshaw for re-nomination.

It was William H. Taft who usurped the functions of Grand Chief Arthur and compelled him to use the machinery of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers to defeat the purpose of the organization. If you don't believe it, read the order he compelled Chief Arthur to issue on March 17, 1893.

John W. Kirby, director of the National Association of Manufacturers says: "The president of the American Federation of Labor has been insisting for ten years or more that congress pass a law that will give organized labor immunity from the writ of injunction." John W. Kirby is either a congenital ignoramus or a malignant liar.

Of course a mere mechanic has no business seeking legislative honors when the honor is to be handed out by clergymen, lawyers, physicians and insurance agents.

Himmie VanCleave didn't have nerve enough to come back at Bryan on the union question, so he sidestepped. VanCleave ought to take something for enlargement of the caput.

Don't imagine for a minute that the Labor Temple project is either dead or sleeping. There is something big being cooked up.

J. W. Dickson and W. C. Norton have reason to be proud. The union men who refused or neglected to vote for the have every reason to be ashamed.

Well, we're in the habit of marching together on Labor Day, anyhow. Perhaps we'll learn in time to vote together.

How foolish of us to display our strength on Labor Day and advertise our weakness on Election Day.

Just as soon as Lincoln gets that Labor Temple it will be in a position to capture some of the big international union conventions. And a con-

vention of any live international union would be better than a half-dozen state political conventions.

Hinshaw is renominated, and thus another enemy of organized labor is vindicated.

**TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION.**

September Meeting Tomorrow Will Have Much to Consider.

Lincoln Typographical Union No. 209 will meet at Fraternity Hall tomorrow afternoon, and there is a lot of important business to consider. Delegate Lyman will make a report of the Boston convention, and the Labor Day announcements will be made. In addition there will be a lot of financial matters to consider.

Several important committees are expected to report at the meeting and Ingraham has a thing or two up his sleeve that will demand immediate attention. Taken all in all the September meeting will be one of the most important held in many a long month. The entire membership ought to be out.

**EDGERTON-HUTTON.**

Mr. J. E. Edgerton, proprietor of the Dairyman Publishing Co., and Miss Harriett Lucile, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Hutton, were married at the home of the bride's parents on Tuesday, September 1. Mr. and Mrs. Edgerton left immediately for the northwest, where they will spend two or three weeks in the mountains. Mr. Edgerton has been associated with The Wageworker as business manager for Dairyman and conducts upwards of a year, and in addition publishes the Dairyman and conducts a large job office. To him and his wife the editor of this little paper offers his congratulations and best wishes.

**SOME REFLECTIONS FOR LABOR DAY.**

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womies of toil and the children whom it is our aim to rear to a high conception of patriotism, so that they may in their turn perform their duty and hand along the republic of Washington, Jefferson and Lincoln unscathed and unimpaired to the generations yet to come.  
All hail Labor Day, 1908! The future is ours—Samuel Gompers, in American Federationist.

**LABOR DAY**

The Trades Unions of Lancaster county will celebrate labor's great holiday with a Grand Parade and Picnic

**Monday, September 7, 1908**

The parade will be headed by a band composed of union musicians, and union bands will be stationed in different sections of the line. The afternoon and evening will be spent at

**Capital Beach**

with picnic supper, balloon ascension, fireworks, water sports, land contests and dancing. There will be tub races, barrel rolling, swimming and diving matches and boat races on the water. Foot races, potato races, sack races, jumping contests, tugs-o'-war and boxing contests on land. A fine prize list is being prepared. Only union men and women eligible.

**Dancing in Air Dome**

The air dome is being put in elegant shape for dancing. Union band and orchestra afternoon and evening.

**Labor's Greatest Holiday**