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Rev. Charles Steitzle Writes Eloquently of the Men Who Do Things.

It has long been acknowledged that "the voice of the people is the voice of God." The undiscerning may hear

in the people's voice only a great roar of discontent, or the mutterings of the misguided mass. But he who has understanding will hear the "still, small voice," which speaks the will of God.

The statesmen in every age who

have accomplished the things which have produced the greatest good for all the people, got their inspiration because they kept close to the masses. Rarely does the vision come to the man who spends all of his time in the seclusion of the study. His touch on life is so slight, and his understanding of the needs of men so inadequate, that his outlook extends only to the limits of his own life and his own narrow experience. It is only as a man comes into contact with others that his own life becomes larger and fuller, and it is out of this fullness that he is enabled to speak concerning the greater problems of life.

No class of men have a broader experience than the "common people"—no class knows quite so well what it means to toil and to suffer and to sacrifice. None have higher aspirations and none exhibit deeper consecration. It is because of this that God speaks through men.

Sometimes their expression of God's will is crude. Sometimes it comes as a shock to men who have become accustomed to things as they are, who, quite satisfied with present conditions, are unwilling to be made uncomfortable by a change which may mean a readjustment in their method of living and in their way of doing business. But to stand in the way of progress is futile. It may be that it is necessary to oppose certain features—man-made and man-inspired—which have crept into the plans which the people present, but back of them all and beneath them all will be found the hand of God.

This has been proven in history. In every great fight for the right and for progress, the leashed classes, the so-called upper classes, have been on the wrong side of the battle-field. The common people—the men of uncommon sense—to these the world owes a debt of gratitude.

If you would hear the voice of God, keep close to the people.

**ELECTRICAL WORKERS LOSE TWO**

Two Lincoln Linemen Meet Death on the Same Day.

Charles Zimbelman and John Whelan, both members of the Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Lincoln Local No. 265, were killed last Wednesday. Zimbelman was electrocuted at the power house of the Lincoln Gas & Electric Light Co., and Whelan was dashed to his death from the top of a 30-foot pole while working on the Home Telephone Co.'s line at Beatrice.

Zimbelman was killed between 9 and 10 o'clock in the morning. The exact time is not known as no one witnessed the awful accident. He was alone in the cupola of the power house engaged in cutting in some wire switches when death came. When discovered by a fellow workman Zimbelman was lying face down on the floor, a live wire grasped in each hand and his head resting on a third wire. Both

hands were burned to the bone and the right side of his face was burned through to the skull. Before the body could be touched the currents had to be cut off below. The body was viewed by Coroner Matthews as soon as he was notified and then removed to an undertaking establishment. The inquest was held Thursday morning and the body taken to Boone, Ia., for interment by a brother of the dead man who came to Lincoln as soon as notified. Zimbelman's home was in Boone, Ia. A card in his pocket showed him to be a member of the Knights of Pythias, Boone Lodge No. 324, of Boone. He was also a beneficiary member of the Electrical Workers. The local lodge held a special meeting Wednesday night and arranged to do its part in the last services over the body of the dead comrade. A committee of two was appointed to accompany the remains to Boone.

John Whalen, who was killed at Beatrice, was working at the top of a 30-foot pole, and by some accident came in contact with a live wire. The shock loosened his hold and he fell to the sidewalk, breaking his neck and smashing his head horribly. An inquest was held Wednesday night and the remains taken to York, Neb., Thursday for interment. Whalen had not been a member of the Brotherhood long enough to entitle him to benefits, but the local will see to it that every honor is paid to the dead comrade.

**NO QUORUM PRESENT.**

Called Meeting of Labor Temple Directors Did Not Materialize.

The directors of the Labor Temple Association were called to meet last Monday night, but only two of the dozen showed up. As a result no meeting was held. Another effort will be made to meet next Monday night at Chaplain & Ryan's barber shop, on North Twelfth street. It is very important that the directors meet at once, either to wind up the affairs of the association and acknowledge failure, or arrange for the annual meeting and determine to push the work to a successful conclusion.

The Union men of Lincoln ought to be ashamed every time they pass along N street between Fifteenth and Fourteenth and see the magnificent building erected by the efforts of a lot of women. The Young Woman's Christian Association building is a monument to the hustling ability and zeal of the young women of Lincoln. Surely the 2,000 union men of this community are not willing that it should be said of them that they are not equal to a similar task.

**THE PRINTERS.**

Rumors of "Something Doing" Come Down From Omaha.

There is a rumor afloat to the effect that there is to be "something doing" in union printer circles in Omaha. For four years the situation in

the river metropolis has been very bad, and all efforts to improve them have not availed. Rumor has it that the matter is to be taken out of the hands of the executive committee and placed in the hands of a special committee, but rumor does not reveal any of the names of the men to be appointed on the committee.

Bad luck attended the visit of the American Federation of Labor delegates to the Union Printer's Home at Colorado Springs last week. Five hundred delegates went down on a special train, but the day was cold and stormy and practically all of the program of entertainment had to be abandoned. It was intended to serve dinner under a big tent on the Home grounds, but the weather made this impossible. The delegates were served with lunch in the Home dining rooms, but had to be fed in relays standing up. The tour of Colorado Springs in autos and carriages had to be abandoned. The program of addresses was necessarily curtailed. But the visit will have the intended effect. The visitors saw enough to convince them that the Home proposition is a great success, and doubtless influence other trades unions to follow the example set by the Typographical Union. The Boston convention of the I. T. U. appropriated \$1,000 to defray the expenses of entertaining the Federation delegates. George Locker has moved to 3110

South Eleventh street, so that he may be close to his job.

**A SUCCESSFUL SOCIAL.**

Capital Auxiliary's Masque Party Affords Great Entertainment.

The masque party given by Capital Auxiliary at A. O. U. W. hall last Monday night as a starter of the winter season of socials, was successful from every point of view. The attendance of printers was discouragingly small, but the total attendance was better than expected. A number of the guests were in costume, and some of these costumes were unusually fine. At luncheon the guests gathered in "families," and this insured everybody becoming well acquainted. Cards and dancing, together with a guessing contest or two and some vocal and instrumental music sufficed to round out an evening of pleasure.

**HAPPY FAILURE.**

Tammany knifed Bryan, and no good democrat regrets that its scheme to elect a governor at the expense of Bryan, failed—Duluth Labor World.

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