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## With Live Ones In Good Old Lincoln

The Plumbers' Union of Lincoln on Wednesday evening of this week had the honor and pleasure of entertaining their general president, John R. Alpine. President Alpine is also a vice-president of the American Federation of Labor, having been elected to succeed the late unlamented Daniel J. Keefe.

The local union held a special meeting Wednesday evening and enjoyed an address from President Alpine. He was put next to the local situation and stated that about the first of the year he would have an organizer in Lincoln and keep him here until a lot of tangles were made straight. He complimented the faithful little band upon their "stick-to-it-iveness."

Wednesday afternoon President Alpine called at The Wageworker shop in company with the Chipman boys and Mr. Keugel of the Omaha local, and a pleasant hour's session was held on things in general.

"Internationally our organization is in good shape," said President Alpine. "We expect that during the business depression we would at least stand still, with chances of a decrease in membership. But we actually gained in membership and in business. We have increased our membership about five thousand, and we have won over sixty contests. We have lost practically none, and have three or four that may be classed as a 'stand-off,' with all the prospects in our favor."

"We had a splendid convention in Denver. One of the most gratifying things to me is the splendid change for the better that is coming over all of our big labor conventions of all the crafts. They have become business meetings within the real definition of that term. Level-headed, sober and influential men have come to the front in the labor movement, and it is no longer possible to truthfully charge us with being a lot of 'boozers.' That charge might have stuck years ago, but it has no basis of truth now. We had about 600 delegates at Denver, and I believe that they measured up in point of ability better than the average convention of business or professional men."

"There has been a splendid betterment all along the line. I want to say to you, and I'd like to say it to all the world, that organized labor is doing more practical temperance work among its members than any other force now at work. We've learned that our business is a real business proposition, and that if it is done properly it must be done by sober men. That's why we have relegated the 'good fellow' to the rear and picked out the level-headed, thoughtful, men of our unions to do business for us. I am speaking now of all the crafts, not of any one particular craft."

"Every day we are realizing more and more what wonderfully complex business affairs our union organizations are, and as we get them nearer to the business basis the better the results we obtain."

President Alpine told many amusing incidents of his work in different parts of the country, and related anecdotes of the big labor leaders he has met. He puts Andrew Fureseth of the Seamen's Union among the top-notchers in the labor movement, and says that President Lynch of the printers' organization is getting bigger every day as a level-headed labor leader. Of course he puts the "old man," Samuel Gompers, at the head of the list. Asked to express an opinion concerning Dan Keefe, the man he supplanted as a vice-president of the Federation, President Alpine said: "Excuse me, please. I recall in this connection a remark made by John J. Ingalls after he had been defeated for the senate and then roundly denounced by Mary Ellen Lease. Somebody asked him what he had to say in reply to Mrs. Lease and he said: 'Nothing, only that there are but two classes of people who mutilate the dead, Indians and women.'"

During the afternoon President Alpine, in company with an escort of union plumbers, made a social call on several of the "boss" plumbers and carefully avoided any reference to the local situation. The visit of their international president has put a lot of ginger into the members of

the Lincoln local, and they are getting ready to turn things over.

William D. Haywood, formerly head of the Western Federation of Miners, and one of the principals in the famous Idaho case, spoke at the auditorium last Friday evening. Owing to the shortness of the notice it was not possible to advertise the meeting extensively and as a result the audience was small. Mr. Haywood told the story of the Colorado outrages in detail, but his principal theme was socialism.

The socialists of Lincoln met last Sunday afternoon and adopted the following resolutions and sent them to Secretary of State Root:

"Whereas, in the matter of the hearing before U. S. Commissioner Foote, in the case of Christian Ansoff Rudowitz, a Russian political refugee, Commissioner Foote has ruled that said Rudowitz shall be turned over to the Russian authorities; and

"Whereas, We understand the case now goes to the department of state for action; therefore be it

"Resolved, That we affirm our belief that any offenses which may have been committed by said Rudowitz were matters of military necessity and under orders from a revolutionary organization, during a time of internal war, and were consequently of a political nature. Be it further

"Resolved, That a nation which has ever prided itself on being the refuge of the oppressed of all the world, the nation that sheltered and honored and was honored by Carl Schurz and countless other political refugees of all climes, should not prostitute itself by violating its glorious traditions of freedom in surrendering said Rudowitz to the Russian authorities, and that we protest against allowing the deportation of this Russian patriot, Christian Ansoff Rudowitz, and ask you not to allow his extradition."

At last Sunday's meeting of Lincoln Typographical Union No. 209 the following resolutions were adopted and sent to Governor-elect Shallenberger:

"Whereas, Governor-elect Shallenberger has appointed to the honorable and responsible position of deputy labor commissioner our fellow member, Will M. Maupin, therefore be it

"Resolved, That Lincoln Typographical Union No. 209 convey to Hon. A. C. Shallenberger its thanks, assuring him that this organization appreciates the honor conferred upon it and upon a member. But it further

"Resolved, That Lincoln Typographical Union No. 209 assures the governor-elect that it believes that under all the surrounding circumstances no better appointment than that of Will M. Maupin could have been made, he having for years been prominently identified with the industrial movement and equipped by both ability and training to successfully conduct the affairs of a department of the state that can, and should, be made of great service to the producers, whether they work in shop or upon farm."

"Resolved, That this union tender to Governor-elect Shallenberger and to Will M. Maupin assurance of hearty co-operation in any and all efforts that may be put forth to make the bureau of labor and industrial statistics indispensable to the workers of the state and a bureau of publicity that will advertise to all the world what we of Nebraska already know—that in all good things Nebraska is unqualifiedly the best."

### TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION.

A Short Session That Transacted a Lot of Important Business.

The printermen held their regular monthly meeting last Sunday and broke all records in length of session. President Ingraham rushed the work through and the session was the shortest in a half-dozen years.

The committee reports were all satisfactory, the committee on revision stating that it was getting along fine, but could not report in detail. Some of the work will have to lay over until another important committee has performed its functions.

A committee was appointed to take charge of arrangements for the annual ball, and Mr. Ford was made chairman.

A resolution was adopted thanking Governor-elect Shallenberger for appointing W. M. Maupin, a member of the local union, to the position of deputy commissioner of labor.

The union voted \$5 towards paying the expenses of the delegate sent by the Central Labor Union to the Denver convention.

### LISTENS LIKE THE TRUTH.

If the wife of a union man were asked to aid strikebreakers during a strike in which her husband was involved, she would be highly incensed, but she is doing things just as bad when she spends union-earned money for goods that do not bear the union label, and she does it every day in the year, too.—Reading Advocate.

for a proper celebration of the Auxiliary's anniversary in January.

Mrs. Fred Mickel has been on the sick list for several days, and was compelled to absent herself from the last meeting.

Mrs. H. C. Peate's little boy has been quite sick for several weeks.

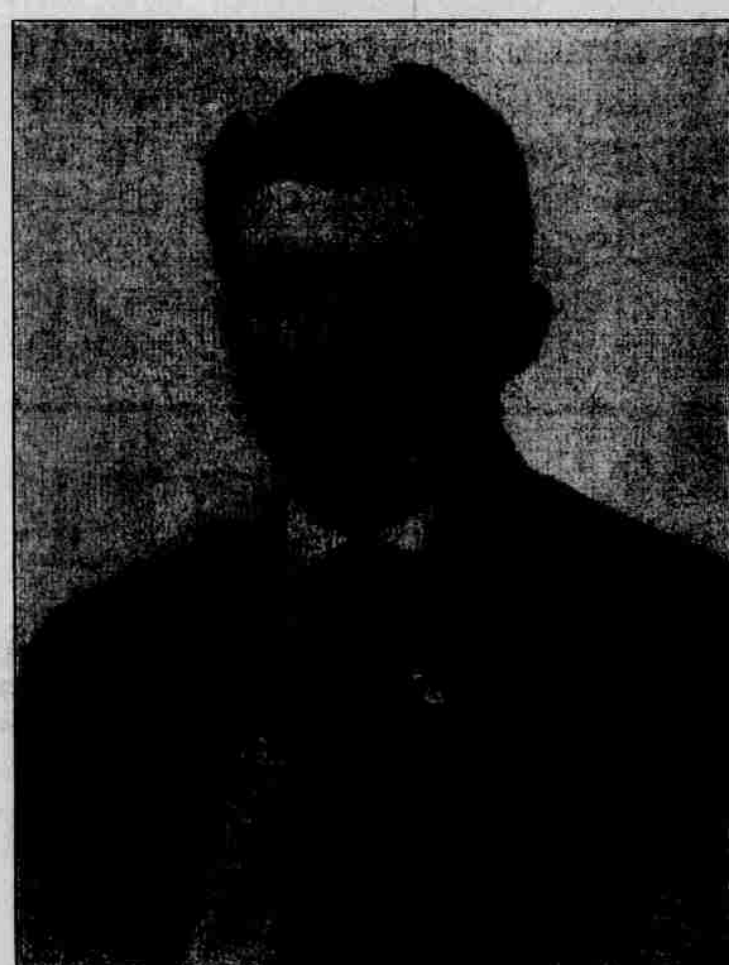
Mrs. Floyd McKinney has been sick for some time and unable to attend the meetings.

The next meeting will be held on January 13, at the home of Mrs. E. A. King, 2135 South Tenth.

The Auxiliary is about to lose one of its charter members and most faithful workers. Mrs. Will Norton, Mr. Norton will soon become editor and publisher of a paper in Humboldt, Neb., and the family will move there shortly after the first of the year.

Mrs. Bert Rood was taken in as a

## BUT THIS IS OUR ONLY FACE



The above is a more or less truthful likeness of Will M. Maupin, editor of The Wageworker and recently appointed deputy commissioner of the Nebraska State Bureau of Labor and Industrial Statistics. Incidentally it might be remarked that Governor Shallenberger will be the commissioner. We don't print this portrait because we are proud of the face, but it is the only face we have. We are not two-faced. That face was born on us in 1863, and has been with us in varying degrees of nudeness and hairiness ever since. It was with us when we started to learn the printers' trade in 1879; it was with us during several ne'er-to-be-forgotten tours, and with us in more than one red-hot session of union men. We cheerfully confess that it never won us anything. It was only after a host of admiring

friends had bound and gagged us that we consented to smear a likeness of it on the front page of this glorious rag of industrial freedom. Our natural modesty revolted at the bare suggestion of such a thing, but what could we do? You will notice upon the lapel of the coat a button. That's a Typographical Union button. If you could see inside of the inside pocket of the aforesaid coat you would see a paid-up union card and the label of the United Garment Workers. Also a few unrecipited bills and a bunch of unanswered letters. That fancy vest also bears a label, and perhaps a union-made cigar or two. Copies of the photograph from which the above half-tone was made will be furnished suitably framed to all anxious and admiring friends upon receipt of the price—\$33 each, two for \$57.50. Postage stamps and farm produce accepted

### CAPITAL AUXILIARY.

Printers' Better Halves Elect Officers For the Ensuing Year.

Capital Auxiliary No. 11 to Lincoln Typographical Union No. 209 held its first December meeting at the home of Mrs. George Freeman Wednesday afternoon. The principal business was the election of officers for the ensuing term. The officers-elect are as follows:

President, Mrs. F. H. Hebbard. Vice-President, Mrs. George Wathan. Secretary, Mrs. Orville Young. Treasurer, Mrs. Abe Compton. Guide, Mrs. August Rodebach. Chaplain, Mrs. George Freeman. Trustees, Mrs. George Wathan, Mrs. W. M. Maupin, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. George Freeman.

The following were appointed a committee to assist the Typographical Union in the management of the annual ball next February: Mesdames, Maupin, Young, Hoffmeister, Righter and Bustard.

Mrs. George Wathan was appointed chairman of a committee to arrange

## The Gospel and The Industrial Worker

There is in session this week in Philadelphia the greatest religious convention ever held in the history of the Protestant church. Nearly four hundred delegates, representing thirty different denominations, eighteen million members and nearly fifty million adherents, are to spend a week in discussing the great social and moral problems confronting the people of the United States.

One of the great features in connection with the conference will be a monster labor mass meeting to be held in the largest downtown theatre on Sunday afternoon, which it will be my privilege to address, and which not only has the endorsement of the Central Labor Union of Philadelphia, but large numbers of the local trades unions are to march to the meeting place.

Also, on another day during the convention, a special committee on "The Church and Modern Industry" will present a strong report relative to this subject. Here is an advance note taken from this report:

"Multitudes are deprived, by what are called economic laws, of that opportunity to which every man has a right. When automatic movements cause injustice and disaster, the autonomy should be destroyed. That to these impersonal causes are added the cruelties of greed, the heartlessness of ambition and the cold indifference of corporate selfishness, every friend of his fellow must with grief and shame admit. The unemployed are an 'army.' The 'accidents' of factories and railroads crowd our institutions and tenements with widows and orphans. The stress of reckless competition which loads manhood with oppressive burdens, levies upon the frail strength of womanhood and turns sunny childhood into drudgery, dwarfs our stature, saps our vitality, crowds our prisons, vitiates our virtue and darkens our old age. The 'homes' of the wage-earners in our great cities are an indictment of our civilization. The meager income which is easily reckoned sufficient by the fortunate who are not forced to live upon it, is without warrant of reason. The helplessness of the individual worker, the swift changes in location of industrial centers, the constant introduction of labor-saving appliances, the exactions of landlords, add uncertainty to privation. The hazard of the mine, the monotony of the shop, the poverty of the home, the sickness of the family, the closing of the doors of higher opportunity react with dreadful precision upon temperament and mar character.

"That workmen should organize for social and industrial betterment belongs to the natural order. The effort of the world's toilers to secure better conditions of work and larger possession of themselves is welcome evidence of a Divine call within them to share in the higher experiences of the intellectual and spiritual life. It is their right as it is the right of men everywhere, within the law, to combine for common ends. Both church and society should cease to talk of 'conceding' this right. It exists in the nature of things. We do not confer it. But we welcome its exercise. The vast multitudes of working people have a vital share in re-shaping the moral standards of the time. They are at heart profoundly moral in their ideas and desires. Their demands are an influence upon the conscience of the nation. Despite the errors of individuals and groups, the faults of spirit, the imperfection of methods and, in some instances, most deplorable results, organized labor is to be regarded as an influence not hostile to our institutions but potent in beneficence. When guided from within by men of far-sight and fair spirit, and guarded from without by restrictions of law and of custom against the enthusiasms which work injustice, the self-interest which ignores the outsider, or the practices which create industrial havoc, trades unionism should be accepted not as the church's enemy, but as the church's ally."—Rev. Charles Stezle.

### CHURCH AND LABOR.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 6.—Meetings for workingmen, students and young men of the various social organiza-

tions in the churches were held here today under the direction of the federal council of the churches of Christ in America. More than 2,000 union men attended the workmen's meeting, which was presided over by Dennis Hayes, fifth vice-president of the American Federation of Labor.

### WILL BECOME EDITOR.

Popular Lincoln Unionist Will Edit a Paper at Humboldt, Neb.

Will C. Norton, one of the most popular unionists in Lincoln, has decided to go into business for himself, and next week will assume the editorship and publication of the Humboldt Standard. Mr. Norton has been foreman of the Western Newspaper Union composing room for the past year, and for several years has been working in Lincoln printeries. He is also a member of the Musicians' Union and secretary of that organization. His removal from Lincoln will be regretted by a host of union men, but they will be rejoiced to know that he has got a "good thing" in Humboldt.

When he goes to Humboldt he will not be going among strangers, for he got his schooling in the schools of that busy little city, and he learned the printer's trade in a Humboldt newspaper office. As a printer he ranks with the best in the west, and he is also a good newspaper man. He will give the people of Humboldt not only a good paper from a news standpoint, but he will give them one that in typographical appearance will be one of the best advertisements any city ever had.

If "Billy" Norton wins all the success that The Wageworker and a host of other friends wish for him, he will have to charter a haywagon to haul his money to the bank.

### A LIVE DELEGATE.

Lincoln Bartenders Select One to Represent Them at Minneapolis.

The Bartenders' International Union will hold its annual convention in Minneapolis, Minn., next year, meeting in May. At the last meeting of the Lincoln League it was decided to send a live delegate and the League proceeded at once to elect Charley Benson to the position. This means that the local League will have a "real live one" on the job. Mr. Benson has been an active worker in the ranks for a number of years, and he is wise to all the kinks of the union game. He may make up his mind to bring the next annual convention to Lincoln.

The Bartenders League is always at the front when money is needed to boost the union cause. The local was the first to come across with a contribution to the fund for a delegate to the Denver convention.

### LABOR TEMPLE DIRECTORS.

Board Held Short Meeting and Starts Things Moving Again.

The board of directors of the Labor Temple Association held a short meeting Monday evening. In the absence of President Dickson, Vice-President Chaplain presided with dignity. The secretary was instructed to have the books balanced up and ready for submission at the meeting next Monday evening. The stock already subscribed and paid for will be issued at once, and immediate steps will be taken to invest the money now on hand in a building site. A generous offer of a substantial loan has been submitted to the board, and the matter will be acted upon soon.

Every director is notified that regular meetings have been resumed and that all are expected to be prompt in attendance from now on. The rule concerning absentees will be rigidly enforced. The board will meet next Monday evening at Chaplain & Ryan's shop, 137 North Twelfth.

### GLASS CUTTERS AND WORKERS.

At a conference held in Pittsburg of representatives of the Window Glass Cutters and Flatteners' Association and the National Window Glass Workers' Union an agreement was reached by which both organizations will work in harmony. Cutters and flatteners have about 2,000 members and the national union over 6,000.