

WAGELABORER

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THE REVISED CHARTER.

The proposed charter as it finally comes from the committee is an improvement on the bill as originally drawn, but it still lacks a bit. The Wageworker believes that it voices the sentiments of practically every union man in Lincoln when it enters objection to the May election date. It is true that one of labor's representatives on the committee voted for the May date, but this was because he was led to believe that it was too late to fix the date in April and have the bill passed at the present session. Personally he favors the April date. The objection to the April date may be well founded so far as it applies to this year, but it can certainly be arranged to hold the election in May this year and in April hereafter. The April date is unfair and unjust, and unless provision is made for an April election after 1909, organizing labor will be warranted in opposing the measure.

The proposition to have the commissioners serve for a nominal salary is a pipe dream of a lot of idealists, and The Wageworker is opposed to any plan that does not provide for an adequate salary for the commissioners. Frank M. Hall's remark that the laboring classes would be adequately represented under any conditions sounds good, but the chief objection to it is that it is untrue. The men who toil at mechanical trades for a livelihood can never be adequately represented by lawyers, by art experts or by men who openly declare their opposition to unions and insist that they would just as soon buy convict-made goods as to purchase products made by free labor. Mr. Hall is a good citizen according to his lights, but what he does not know about the needs and desires of the wage-earners would make a much larger library than the legal collection he now has on hand. The commissioners should be paid good wages, and they ought to give their entire time to the work. If they are going to be figureheads we might just as well continue the present unsatisfactory system.

The tax levy amendment is a good one, and so is the amendment putting the park system in the mayor's department. As a whole the charter bill is probably as near satisfactory as it is possible to draw any instrument of the kind.

NO YELLOW STREAKS.

"Better men than either of us three have been sent to jail," says President Gompers. "They may demand their pound of flesh, but they won't find any yellow streaks in it." That is the kind of talk we like to hear. Let us have an end to this talk about executive clemency. Let us fight the thing to a finish. Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison have nothing to apologize for, and nothing which calls for pardon. They are making a fight for principle, and they are willing to fight it to the bitter end. It now remains to be seen whether their friends will go the route with them. The United Mine Workers have come to the front with \$2,000 because their fellow-worker, John Mitchell, is one of the convicted leaders. What have the Cigarmakers done to show their faith in Samuel Gompers? What has the Typographical Union done to show its fidelity to its staunch member, Frank Morrison. These three men have appealed for financial aid to help them fight the battle in which every union workman is vitally interested. What are we going to do about it? Every trades union in North America ought to come across with a contribution immediately. Every international union ought to come across with a handsome contribution. This humble little labor paper has its receipt for its mite, and it will come across again if the need arises.

But now is the time for the unions and the internationals to get busy. It ought to be no task at all to raise a million dollars before March 1 in order to perfect and finance that ap-

peal from Justice Wright's infamous decision.

Come on, brothers! What are you going to do about it?

LABOR'S PROTEST MEETING.

The workers of Lincoln should not forget the "protest meeting" to be held on Friday, February 12, under the auspices of the Central Labor Union. This meeting will adopt suitable resolutions of protest against the unjust sentences passed upon Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison, and will at the same time endeavor to fairly give to the public labor's side of the present controversy. Every union man who can should attend this meeting and store his mind with facts with which to back up his claims for recognition as a worker. Every union man ought to be able to defend his unionism at any time and in any place. The trouble with organized labor as a whole is its inability or its failure to defend its cause when attacked in the forum of debate.

At the Lincoln protest meeting every union man can get some valuable weapons for the equipment of his mental armory. And every union man ought to be there.

Fire Chief Clements wants the firemen of Lincoln to have a little time off and a little more money. There is no more reason why a fireman should work twenty-four hours a day than there is that a policeman should walk a beat twenty-four hours a day. The firemen are entitled to better wages, and they ought to work in two shifts. If the city can not afford it the city ought to do without fire protection.

Johanne Pringle, the Pittsburg labor editor who Dan Keefe on the American Federation of Labor's political plan during the last campaign, has landed outside the breastworks. President Roosevelt has recalled his political appointment.

"Ringing resolutions" may be all right in their way, but they don't weigh much. A check for a goodly amount will do Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison more real good than resolutions long enough to reach from Alpha to Omaha.

The miners have put up \$2,000 to help Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison. What will the printers do? They have an interest as printers in Frank Morrison. And the cigarmakers have an interest in Gompers.

"Draw on me for \$1,000" was what Jere Sullivan, secretary-treasurer of the Bartenders' League wired to Samuel Gompers. Jere always was in the hurry-up column when it came to boosting for unionism.

It's all right to stand around and holler about the injustice of sending Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison to jail, but what are you doing towards keeping them? It takes money to pay legal expenses.

Send your mite to Frank Morrison, secretary American Federation of Labor, Washington, D. C., and then you can go out and "cuss" Judge Wright with a clear conscience.

A year ago only a few thousand people knew that Buck's stove and ranges were unfair. Now millions know it, and that's what is hurting Brer VanCleave.

A pardon implies the commission of an offense. Men who stand for liberty commit no offense save that of standing out against tyrants—judicial and otherwise.

The Union Musicians have set a record for annual balls in Lincoln, and now we'll see some of the other unions going some to equal or excel it.

Perhaps Judge Frank Hall will agree to represent for nothing any wage-earner who may happen to have occasion to engage in litigation.

Workingmen have got about a bellyful of this thing of being "represented" by lawyers, merchants, doctors, manufacturers and political idealists.

When Sam Gompers accepts a pardon for doing what he believes he has a right to do, Hades will have boiled down to a poultice.

You can buy a Buck stove if you want to, but if you want to it is because your unionism is suffering from paralysis.

LOCOMOTIVE ENGINEERS.

Division No. 98 Planning Big Things for the Organization.

The annual ball of Division 98, B. of L. E., will be held in the Auditorium at Lincoln, on the evening of February 22, 1909, to which all members

of the Brotherhood, their families and their friends are cordially invited.

Each member of Division 98 is expected to lend his efforts to make this ball a success by purchasing at least one ticket, and endeavoring to sell others. The proceeds of this ball will be devoted to promoting a union meeting to cover two days, the latter part of June, 1909 at which Mrs. M. E. Cassel, Grand Vice-President of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the B. of L. E. will be present with her noted Euterpean chorus of thirty ladies from Columbus, Ohio, giving exhibitions in minstrelsy, songs and other diversions. Grand Chief Stone and other grand officers are expected to be present at the union meeting.

Tickets for the ball will be \$1 per couple, and may be applied for through J. H. Hyder, or through other members of the committee.

J. F. DUFFY,
Chairman.
H. WIGGENJOST,
Secretary.

DEATH AND DISABILITY ROLL OF RAILWAY EMPLOYEES.

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safe operation. Freight trains are dangerously short-handed. Two men for almost a mile of cars, and some of our trains reach almost that distance, is not a safe way to run freight trains, yet it is done. The men cannot work safely when switching. One man must do the work, one man must be back with the flag, and if anything out of the ordinary demands attention, the man who gives it his care must take a chance of neglecting something else. Railway managers will not admit this statement, but it is true and every railroad man in train service on slow or way freight will confirm it.

Expert neurologists do not hesitate to declare that long hours in positions of great responsibility are likely to result in brain strain, paralysis, epilepsy and nervous prostration. Men who are worn out, mentally and physically, cannot be trusted safely to perform the responsible work peculiar to the train and engine service. The railroads, aware of these facts, start men out on trips they know will consume anywhere from twenty-four or more hours. A law limiting railway men to sixteen hours continuous service was bitterly opposed by the railroads and though passed it will be fought by them through the courts before it becomes fully operative.

The railways of Europe operate with a yearly casualty list that ought to make us realize what can be done. They employ three times as many men to the mile as our roads do, and no one can deny they contribute to safety. With our railways, it is the practice to meet every increased cost of operation by a reduction in the operating force.

We have had many wrecks; we will have many more, but if the public will rouse itself to demand the employment of more men for engine and train operation, more men for track and equipment inspection, the adoption of a block system, safety in speeds according to the condition of track, a corresponding degree of safety allowance between the weight placed on the rail and the rail itself, and the employment of as many practical men as are really needed, the results will certainly show in safer railway operation.

The American railway managers are, as a rule, practical railway men. They are capable and understand their business, and it is not entirely their fault that affairs are as they are. It is the fault of the financial system that demands dividends first, for if the managers cannot get financial returns that experts theoretically show the boards of directors they ought to get, they will be sidetracked to make room for the men who think they can. The railroads have made money. They ought to be made to use some of it in practices and appliances that promise safety in train operation and the minimizing of railway disaster.—D. L. Cease, Editor The Railway Trainmen, in Charities and Commons.

UNFAIR PUBLICATIONS.

A Handy List That Good Unionists Should Carry About.

Trade unionists and their friends should remember that they are not obliged to purchase the publications contained in the following list. They are produced under non-union conditions, the shorter workday being refused their union printers:

The Reliable Poultry Journal, Quincy, Illinois.

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UNION BARBER SHOPS.

Information as to Where You Can Get Your Work Done Fairly.

Following is a list of the union barber shops of Lincoln, the name and location being given:

- Gus Petro, 1010 O street.
- W. A. Jackson, 1001 O street.
- W. E. Myers, Capital Hotel.
- C. A. Green, 120 North Eleventh.
- Geo. Shaffer, Lincoln Hotel.
- J. B. Ramer, 1501 O Street.
- E. A. Snyder, 1206 O Street.
- A. L. Stern, 116 South Thirteenth.
- A. L. Kemmerer, Lindell Hotel.
- Chapman & Ryan, 127 North Twelfth.
- Knight and Parmenter, 122 South Twelfth.
- H. C. Leopold, Fraternity Building.
- Frank Malone, Havelock.
- E. A. Wood, Havelock.
- C. B. Ellis, Havelock.
- Windsor hotel, C. B. Lewis, Prop.
- Apex Barber Shop, J. J. Simpson, Prop., 1001 O Street.
- J. V. Masully barber shop, 1014 N St.

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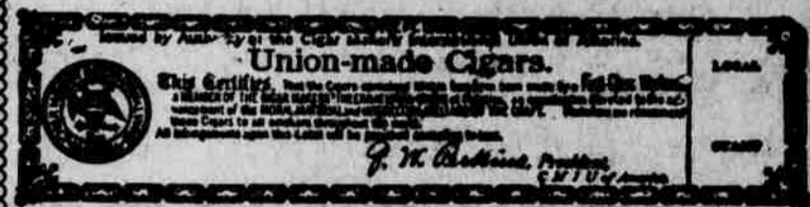
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