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Notice to Creditors.
Estate No. 2529 of John E. Lundgren, deceased, in County Court of Lancaster County, Nebraska.

The State of Nebraska, ss.: Creditors of said estate will take notice that the time limited for presentation and filing of claims against said estate is October 1, 1909, and for payment of debts is May 2, 1910; that I will sit at the County Court room in said County, on July 1, 1909, at 2 p. m., and on October 1, 1909, at 2 p. m., to receive, examine, hear, allow, or adjust all claims and objections duly filed.

Dated February 26, 1909.

P. JAS COSGRAVE,
(Seal.) County Judge.
By WALTER A. LEESE, Clerk.

WAGWORKER

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THE ESSENCE OF "FUDGE."

The daily newspapers of March 20 carried the following interesting Associated Press dispatch under a Washington, D. C., date line:

"Mrs. William H. Taft, Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, Mrs. Oscar Straus and numerous other women prominent in the society life of Washington and New York lent their patronage to a meeting held at the public library in this city today to discuss the welfare of American working women. The meeting was held under the joint auspices of the Bookbinders' Union and the woman's department of the Civic Federation, of which Miss Ann Morgan, daughter of J. Pierpont Morgan, is president. Miss Morgan herself delivered the principal address at the meeting. It is said to be the understanding of those closely connected with the work of the Civic Federation that President Taft will in the near future recommend to congress the establishment of a special bureau to investigate the conditions of women employes of the government."

We confess to somewhat mixed feelings when we consider the above dispatch. Just as we have about made up our mind to rejoice that these representative society women have decided to give some thought to their toiling sisters, we are overcome with the fact that this sort of thing usually results in a lot of high-flown resolutions, followed by a reduction in wages and an increase of sweat shops.

Sympathy is capable of several definitions, but real sympathy is based on experience—only those who have suffered can adequately sympathize. And what do Mrs. William H. Taft, and Mrs. Oscar Straus and Mrs. Nicholas Longworth and Miss Ann Morgan know about the sufferings of the toiling women of America?

What does any one of them know about the pinching poverty, the hopeless outlook, the sheer despair that faces thousands upon thousands of working women every day in the year?

What does any one of them know about the agony of seeing helpless children starve by their sides in this boasted land of plenty?

These estimable women may spend money in relieving temporary distress, but what do they know about the great work of correcting these evils? They can see only the surface evils—not until they have lived down among these sufferers will they be able to perform adequate service in the cause of humanity.

We've attended some of these meetings. We've seen women dressed in costumes that cost as much as the average workingman makes in a year stand up and make plaintive appeals for the toilers. It is awfully easy to talk, but it is different when it comes down to making real sacrifices for the benefit of the oppressed. Ringing resolutions may make interesting reading, but they don't cut much ice.

There is a whole lot of "fudge" about these meetings to consider the amelioration of the condition of the working classes. Miss Morgan's father can do more to better the conditions of thousands of workers with a single stroke of his pen than she can do by attending a thousand meetings as a "patroness." He is the big boss of the steel trust, and the steel trust has just issued notice that if its tariff graft is interfered with, the wages—already at a starvation level—will be further reduced. Alice Roosevelt Longworth's husband can do more with one vote than she can do at all the "patroness" meetings she can attend in a lifetime. Let him join in releasing the stranglehold the trusts have upon the toilers of the country. Mrs. Taft's husband can do more with one short message to congress than she can do by lending her presence to ten thousand meetings. Let him notify congress that it must act on the square in its tariff legislation, and that it must give labor an equal chance before the courts.

Labor is not asking for special privilege—it is asking for justice. It is

not asking for charity—it is asking for equal opportunity. It is not asking for "rest rooms" in the factory—it is asking for time in which to rest at home. It is not asking for bathtubs in the mills—it is asking for a wage that will permit the erection of bathtubs in the homes of the toilers. It is not asking for Carnegie libraries—it is asking a wage that will permit the buying of good books to be read in the home. It is not trying to dynamite the mansions—it is seeking to destroy the hovels.

The good women above mentioned may mean well, but they'll have to do something more than meet as "patronesses" and pass resolutions before they will accomplish anything at all for their toiling sisters.

"THE MODERN MOLOCH."

The editor of The Wageworker has accepted a couple of invitations—and he never accepted invitations with more pleasure. One is to address the Federation of Woman's Clubs of the Sixth district at Minden, Neb., on April 10, and another to address a meeting of the same organization of the Second district at Blair, Neb., on April 13. The invitations were extended because the editor happens to be deputy labor commissioner, and just now the Woman's Clubs of the state are very much interested in industrial questions.

The editor is going to talk on "The Modern Moloch" at both of these conventions, and child labor and the employment of female labor in sweat shops is going to be the theme. He makes no pretensions of being an orator, but he does pretend to know something about industrial conditions, and like all other trades unionists he thinks he knows the best way of correcting them. He will therefore seek to outline the policy to the splendid and earnest women who make up the club organizations of the Second and Sixth congressional districts.

There are just two things necessary in order to bring a better condition to the women and children who toil. One is to get the union men and women to make concerted demand for the union label, and the other is to enlist the sympathy and support of the women of the country in the label movement. Not your label, Mr. Union Man; not my label. But in the union label.

And the editor of this humble little newspaper is going to talk straight unionism, and the union label and what it means to the toilers, to these good women. Here's hoping that the seed will fall on good ground.

THAT CHARTER BUSINESS.

We were asked to vote on accepting the Des Moines plan of city government, and we expressed a desire to adopt it. We did not get it. We were offered a commission plan, but not the plan we said we wanted. We supposed that we were to have an opportunity to vote on the charter, but we didn't get it.

The Wageworker does not like some features of the charter. But The Wageworker wants the commission plan of government, and wants it so badly that it is willing to accept the charter and take chances on having it corrected two years hence. Had the charter been submitted The Wageworker would have urged its adoption. It fought for submission as a matter of principle—and it still believes the charter should have been submitted, and that it would have been submitted had not some men been urged to oppose it because of ulterior motives.

The Wageworker fought for submission—and lost. But it wants it distinctly understood that it is a cheerful loser.

Now let's get busy and make the best of it by electing the very best men to manage the city's business.

Wouldn't some of these rich "slummers" who are always "investigating the condition of the poor" holler their heads off if some of the poor would start out investigating the condition of the rich and proceed to force themselves into the swell mansions?

The Journal is still howling about the water in the Traction company stock, but the Journal stockholders are not squeezing the moisture out of their Traction holdings.

There are union men in Lincoln amply qualified to hold any of the five city commissionerships. Let's nominate a couple of them.

There are about 1,200 union men in Lincoln who want a labor paper, but they don't want to help keep it going.

Union sifting committees ought to get busy and "sift" the label movement to the head of the file.

Dollar gas sounds good—but will it burn as well?

A Lincoln merchant who loves to

talk about "building up home institutions" wouldn't buy Lincoln-made candy because he could put Chicago-made candy in job lots on his candy counter and save a cent or two a pound. Guess who.

Little by little judges who owe their appointments to the union-hating corporations are delivering the goods, and unionism is being hammered into the earth. We'll never get our rights until judges are amenable to the people instead of the corporations.

A Lincoln merchant who objects to The Wageworker employing solicitors now and then, is always talking about "patronizing home institutions." He is the same merchant who buys eastern insurance because he says it is safer. Guess who!

The city council has kindly located the public drinking fountain in Antelope park. It would disfigure some of the "swell residence districts," wouldn't it, to give the poor horses and dogs a chance to slake their thirst.

Union men can sympathize with rich men whose sons are kidnapped for ransom. But union men don't have to lay awake nights worrying about anything like that.

When team owners of this city helped break up the Teamsters' Union they merely paved the way for brutal treatment of their horses by inexperienced and brutal drivers.

Every local union should have a label committee to attend to the work of boosting all labels. Let's get busy.

Say, is the stamp of the Boot and Shoe Workers' Union on the soles of those new shoes of yours?

Wish somebody would kidnap Judge Wright and hold him until he was ransomed by union men.

And of course, too, the label appears in that new spring suit of yours.

A little more insistence in demanding the label will help a lot.

SAME OLD FIGHT.

The indications are that there will be another "wet or dry" campaign in Lincoln this spring. The prohibitionists are planning to demand another referendum.

All right. The Wageworker is in favor of the initiative and referendum. It is in favor of letting the people vote on any question that directly concerns them. If a majority of the people want to vote "dry" they ought to be allowed to do so, and if the majority vote is "dry" then Lincoln ought to be without open saloons. Contrawise, if the people vote "wet" the saloons ought to be licensed.

But another local option fight in Lincoln means more than a decision for or against saloons. It means another campaign of falsehood, injustice, innuendo and suspicion. It will create new heartburnings, foment animosities and set neighbor against neighbor. Lincoln people are being rapidly educated on temperance lines. If they are content with progress and do not undertake to accomplish the impossible, the question will solve itself in time. The "7 to 7" ordinance has minimized the liquor evil. In due time another step forward may be safely undertaken.

But if any considerable number of people insist on another fight, they ought to get it.

Time and again this paper has stated its opposition to the whole license system. The amount of the license cuts no figure in the regulation, and the higher it is the more obscured the real merits of the whole question. But The Wageworker honestly questions whether the time is ripe for prohibition. It is not easy to overcome the habits of a century in a single moment. But progress is being made, slowly it may seem to many, but progress just the same. The question now is, shall we endanger this steady progress by taking the long chance of accomplishing the whole distance at once? No matter what some enthusiasts may say, this is a question that should be discussed honestly, fairly and thoroughly.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN SAID IT.

This country, with its institutions, belongs to the people who inhabit it. Whenever they shall grow weary of the existing government, they can exercise their constitutional right of amending it, or their revolutionary right to overthrow it.

Of course it would be illegal to boycott any firm handling the Buck stove, but you don't have to patronize a firm that does business with labor's open and avowed enemy.

DEMANDS THE LABEL.

Wonderland theatre has been reorganized, and with the re-organization comes good news for the allied print-

ing trades. Hereafter all printing for this amusement resort will bear the union label. And, by the way, Wonderland is offering some mighty good attractions for the money.

UNION PRINT SHOPS.

Printeries That Are Entitled to Use the Allied Trades Label.

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- Freie Presse, No. 3.
- Jacob North & Co., No. 1.
- Woodruff-Collins, No. 4.
- Graves & Mulligan, No. 5.
- State Printing Co., No. 6.
- Star Publishing Co., No. 7.
- Western Newspaper Union, No. 8.
- Wood Printing Co., No. 9.
- George Bros., No. 11.
- McVey Printing Co., No. 12.
- Ford Printing Co., No. 16.
- VanTine & Young, No. 24.
- Dairyman Pub. Co., 130 No. 14th.
- Graves Printery, No. 5.
- New Century, 213 South Thirteenth.

MAN \$000; DOG \$25.

A woman in Washington, Pa., had a non-suit entered in the case of her husband being killed by a street car; and a man had his dog killed by the same street car company and was awarded \$25.

ENGINEERS RESIGN.

Rather than accept reductions in salary varying from \$500 to \$1,500 a year, between fifteen and twenty engineers and men high in the mechanical departments, including the chief engineer of the National Tube company at McKeesport, Pa., near Pittsburgh, are said to have resigned their positions and others are expected to do likewise within a short time.

HELD FOR DAMAGES.

Canadian Unions Getting the Same Dose Given in the States.

Western Canada unions are aroused over the decision of the court of appeals at Winnipeg in the master plumbers' case, affirming the lower court and making permanent an anti-picketing injunction.

The master plumbers were sued a year ago, following a strike, and the

lower court assessed \$25,000 damages against the union. In addition, the court assessed each member of the union personally, providing that each man's property be attached, if necessary, to satisfy the judgment.

It is expected the decision will encourage employers to start similar suits in case of strikes.

American unions are affected because they are affiliated with the Canadian unions.

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Dated March 9th, 1909.

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