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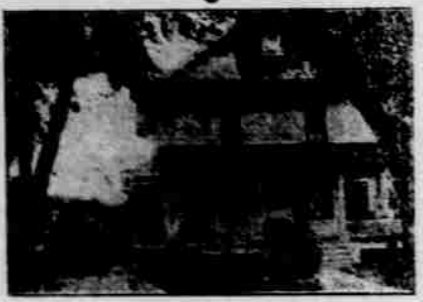
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NOTICE OF ADOPTION.
In re adoption No. 261 of Gladys Anderson in the County Court of Lancaster County, Nebraska.
The State of Nebraska, to all persons interested take notice that A. W. Lindoo and Jennie Lindoo, husband and wife, have filed their petition and relinquishment of Jennie Lindoo, Guardian, for the adoption of Gladys Anderson, a minor female child, with bestowal of property rights and change of name to Gladys Lindoo, which has been set for hearing before this Court on May 7th, 1909, at 9 o'clock a. m., when you may appear, object to and contest the same. Dated March 22, 1909.
P. JAS. COSGRAVE,
County Judge.
[Seal]
By Walter A. Leese,
Clerk.

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UNDULY EXERCISED.
The esteemed Lincoln Daily Star is unduly exercised. It is seeing strange visions; dreaming strange dreams. It is conjuring up from the profound depths of its perverted imagination dismal spectres at which it may shudder and throw fits of horror. With eyeballs fairly starting from its head, and with every nerve a-quiver, it stands tense, ready to shriek at the psychological moment.

And the cause of it all is that Deputy Labor Commissioner Maupin is preparing to push the work of organizing a State Federation of Labor. The esteemed Star declares the deputy labor commissioner's scheme to be a deep laid plot to frame up a political deal; a plan to turn the organized labor movement of Nebraska over to the democratic party, body, boots and breeches.

It pains us deeply to see the Star thus unduly exercised. Far be it from us to cause anybody or any newspaper any worry. So highly do we esteem the Star, than which no brighter or better daily newspaper is published between the two oceans, that we hasten to ally its every fear by assuring it that it is mistaken.

There is no ulterior political motive concealed about the person of the deputy labor commissioner. The Wage-worker opines that it speaks with knowledge when it speaks for the gentleman who now occupies the position of deputy commissioner of the Bureau of Labor Census and Industrial Statistics of Nebraska.

If organizing the wage earners of the state into a representative body similar to the federated bodies in other states is a "democratic scheme," then the Star has a right to worry. But if the organization of a State Federation of Labor similar to the federations in practically every other state threatens to be detrimental to the party whose cause is espoused by the esteemed Star, then it must be admitted that the party the Star loves so well and so nobly supports is no friend of the wage earners. We opine that the Star is not quite ready to make this admission.

The Nebraska State Federation will be composed of delegates selected by the various local unions throughout the state. There are some one hundred and thirty of these local unions, made up of intelligent craftsmen who may be depended upon to frustrate any attempt that might be made to use them for political purposes. These delegates will meet for the sole purpose of advancing the interests of the wage earners of the state. If that is a "political scheme" being engineered by the deputy labor commissioner, as inferred by the Star, it does not promise well.

We feel at perfect liberty to say that Deputy Labor Commissioner Maupin is not seeking to make political capital by organizing a State Federation of Labor. He seems to have conceived the idea that the Bureau of Labor Census and Industrial Statistics was founded for the purpose of benefiting the wage earners, and appearances would indicate that he is merely trying to make the department live up to its name. If his humble services in this direction result in advantage to the political party to which he pays allegiance, all well and good. Other deputy labor commissioners of different political faiths have had equal opportunity to secure party advantages by endeavoring to make the office of service to the workers.

We trust, after this frank explanation, that the Star and its republican leaders will be able to sleep at night without being disturbed by phantasms.

LOCAL POLITICS.
The local political situation is really comical. No one seems to know anything about it. There seems to be a dearth of willing candidates, and it is even doubtful whether there will be an election. Michael Bauer says not, and in order to make good he seeks to prevent an election by injunction. So far as The Wage-worker is concerned, it would just as soon see the present city administration hold over.

It has been the best the city ever had. This is not saying that it could not have been better. But after glancing over a lot of the names mentioned for city officers we have no hesitancy in saying that it is our belief that the chances for bettering it at the present time look slim. Under the present administration great improvements have been made. A park system has been inaugurated, a municipal lighting plant has been established, the water works system has been vastly improved, the police regulations have been the best in the city's history, the saloons have been better regulated and have been productive of less trouble than ever before, the tax rate has been decreased and the city's debt has been materially reduced. What more could have been demanded or expected of any city administration?

The Wage-worker is resting easy on the election question right now. It had some humble part in the election of the present administration, and it is quite willing to have Mr. Bauer's contention upheld by the courts. It is also quite content to have a change if the people so will. Being thus complacent The Wage-worker is not going to tear its union made shirt under any circumstances that may arise in the spring campaign.

Labor Temple Day, May 12.
Be a Booster for the Temple.

French wines are to go upon the free list, but the stockings and gloves worn by the wives of American workmen are to be taxed double. But the decrease in the wine taxation will be greater than the increase in taxation on the gloves and stockings, showing a "net reduction" of the tariff. And that's the sort of bull con that we've been swallowing and smacking our lips as if we liked it.

The Sherman anti-trust law has been on the statute books for nearly two decades, and to date the only men who have been convicted under it and sentenced to jail are three union men. Every trust magnate has been able to prove an alibi.

The club women of Nebraska who are anxious to be of assistance to their wage-earning sisters can do more in that direction by a concerted demand for the union label than they ever can by the adoption of long-winded resolutions.

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Some of these days the American workman will awaken to a realization that a tariff ostensibly in his interests is really a scheme to hold him fast while the trusts rob him both in wages and in prices.

The Payne tariff bill prevents the label of the union tobacco workers from being placed upon any package of tobacco. O, but those tariff protected trusts dearly love the union workman!

Crude petroleum is to go upon the free list because we import none. But the by-products of crude petroleum are to be further "protected," and that's where the Standard Oil trust gouges us.

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Since last week no judge has issued an order forbidding your asking for the union label. But you'd better hurry, for such an order might be issued before this time next week.

If every man who has a contempt for judges like Wright should be sent to jail, there wouldn't be enough men left on the outside to carry the prisoners their meals.

A couple of hundred union men of Lincoln who have been regular readers of The Wage-worker for about five years are cordially invited to see the business manager.

This is the second week of The Wage-worker's sixth year, and we fail to find a single wrinkle in its forehead.

All the benefits that labor will get from the tariff revision could be shot into a goat's eye without making it wink.

At the time of going to press with this issue Omaha has ceased to throw an average of seventy-four fits a minute.

After July 5, no Nebraskan will have any reasonable excuse for singing "I'm Afraid to Go Home in the Dark."

Sam Gompers in jail would be a bigger man than Judge Wright on the bench.

The presence of the label is the guarantee you ought to be looking for.

UNION MADE STUFF.
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Ample.
"I'm nearly worn out. I've been working day and night for the last three months."
"What makes you work so hard?"
"I've got five good reasons for it."
"What are they?"
"Wife and four children."

Excusable.
"I see that Wimberly was arrested for smashing a grocer over the head. What was the cause of the trouble?"
"Wimberly ordered a bushel of seed potatoes and when the grocer delivered them Wimberly discovered that they were 'scabby'."

Gentle Hint.
"Mr. Slowboy," murmured Miss Gwendolyne Mahafferty about 11:57 p. m., "I understand that you are quite a union man."

"I take pride in that fact, Miss Gwendolyne," replied Percival Muchly Slowboy.
"And have you ever assisted in the organization of a union, Mr. Slowboy?"
"Not as yet, Miss Gwendolyne."
"Well, I should think you would become active along that line. Let me suggest that you get a card authorizing you to organize a local union."
It was while on his way to catch the owl car that a bright light dawned upon the intellect of Percival Muchly Slowboy. At 10:30 next morning he interviewed the county judge.

Cards.
Slow dues make weak unions.
Carrying a card does not make a union man.
Not all non-unionists are "scabs."
Short hours and good wages make for temperance and morality.
True unionism shows in the home life.
Giving the loot to charity will not blot out the sin of the theft.
The purchaser of sweatshop products is as guilty as the man who profits by sweating the labor of helpless women and children.

THE SWITCHMEN.

General Officers in Lincoln Boosting the Organization Along.
Local Union No. 120, Railway Switchmen's Union, has been enjoying a revival during the past two or three weeks. First International Vice-president S. E. Heberling and General Organizer James W. Colley were both in the city last week, assisting the local members in recruiting for the Lincoln union.

With the coming of the international officers the local members took a brace, and the result was a hustle for members that brought good results. Several extra meetings were held in order to facilitate the work of initiation, and some twenty-five new members were taken in.

Not the least pleasing of the results was the enthusiasm imparted to the old members. As a result of the revival, No. 120 is among the really strong unions of the order in this western country.

ANOTHER RECORD BROKEN.
The Lincoln Wage-worker completed its fifth year last week. This is another record broken by Will M. Maupin.—Omaha Western Laborer.

BENEFIT POSTPONED.
Theatrical and Stage Employees Will Have to Wait a Bit.

The joint benefit of the Theatrical Mechanics and stage employees, which was to have been held last Tuesday afternoon at the Olyer theatre has been postponed until further notice. This benefit was to have been contributed to by various artists playing in the city on that date, but owing to circumstances several who had been engaged were switched over other routes. The future date for the benefit has not been set, but an announcement will be made in due time. The members of these two local unions will, in the meantime, call on friends with a view to disposing of a few more tickets. The benefit will be worth while. Every show in the

city on the date selected, will contribute its best features, and the program will be unusually varied. The Theatrical Mechanics and Stage Employees Unions are entitled to the patronage of the public.

LINCOLN'S WARNING.
The candid citizen must confess that if the policy of the government, upon vital questions affecting the whole people is to be irrevocably fixed by decisions of the Supreme Court the people will have ceased to be their own rulers.—Abraham Lincoln.

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¶ We trust our friends will find it convenient to trade before 6 p. m.

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