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THE TARIFF DELUSION.

How much longer will the American workingman be deluded by this rot about "protection to American labor"? His wages depend altogether upon what he, through his union, can compel the employer to pay. The employer uses the tariff to boost his profits at the expense of the consumer. The workingman gets none of the benefits of protection. The textile workers are about the poorest paid class of skilled workers in the country, yet the tariff on textile goods is high enough to permit the employers to wax enormously rich. The employers live in palaces, ride in autos and private yachts, go to the seashore in summer and south in winter. But the textile workers live in hovels and shacks, are constantly on the verge of hunger and can only look forward to a hopeless future. Yet the tariff is levied in the interests of American labor!

If the tariff is really for the benefit of the workers, why not pro rate the tariff receipts among the workers? Or why not compel the manufacturers to sell at a rate as much less than the tariff as the tariff provides in the way of "protection"?

Talk about preventing the competition of the pauper labor of Europe! The very men who have howled loudest about it are the men who have imported that pauper labor by the hundreds of thousands to compete with American workers on American soil. Wouldn't you rather compete with the European while he is in Europe than to have him brought over here to compete with you?

Why don't you study up a little on this tariff question? Why allow yourselves to be used as catspaws to pull the chestnuts of the trusts out of the fire?

The question of protection vs. free trade is not a difficult one. The exercise of a little commonsense will solve it. But if you want real information concerning it, just read Henry George's book, "Protection and Free Trade."

But for heaven's sake commence to do a little thinking for yourselves. Just pause and reflect that the men who benefit by the protective tariff are not the men who perform the manual labor on the goods thus protected, but the men who employ you to make those goods at a profit to themselves.

You will search the schedules as you will, but you'll not find any tariff on bricklayers, musicians, carpenters, printers, lathers, harnessmakers, or any other class of skilled tradesmen.

STATE FEDERATION MEETING.

Every arrangement has been made for the meeting to organize a State Federation of Labor. Upwards of sixty local unions have reported the election of delegates, and doubtless there are several secretaries who have neglected to report.

Several Lincoln unions have either failed to elect representatives or the secretaries have neglected to report them if elected. Every Lincoln union ought to be represented. There is some opposition to the organization, based on the fact that a former organization along the same lines was allowed to die. Some opposition, too, is based on the ground that it will entail some expense. It must indeed be a short-sighted organization that will hold back through fear a few dollars of expense will be incurred. Do they expect advancement to be made without some sacrifice of time and money?

The first session of the Federation will be called to order in Representative Hall, at the state house, at 2 o'clock p. m., June 21. Addresses of welcome will be delivered by Governor Shallenberger and Mayor Love. Temporary officers will be elected and committees appointed. Monday evening from 8:30 to 10:30 a reception will be tendered the delegates and visitors and their friends by Governor and Mrs. Shallenberger at the executive mansion. Tuesday will be devoted to permanently organizing, selecting permanent committees and adopting con-

stitution and by-laws. Tuesday evening Raymond Robins of Chicago will deliver an address on a live topic at the First Christian church. Mr. Robins needs no introduction to live unionists. Suffice it to say that he is the ablest and most eloquent champion of trades unionism that ever appeared upon the public platform. The union musicians of Lincoln will provide the music for this occasion.

Now let Lincoln unionists get busy and help make this first meeting of the Nebraska Federation of Labor a magnificent success.

If you fail to pay the taxes on your little home—bang! It is sold from over your head. The Traction Co., however, has got money enough to fight the case to the court of last resort. Yet the laws are said to be enacted for rich and poor alike. Believe it?

Emma Goldman is arrested every day or two for making speeches less inflammatory than that uttered by President Kirby of the Union Busters' Association. There's a reason. Emma Goldman teaches peace in the interest of the toilers; Kirby teaches war against the workers.

Councilman Hardy has not said anything about turning his salary back into the city treasury, but as chairman of the sidewalk committee he has refused to let anybody deviate from the four-foot line. As long as he holds to that rule we'll overlook the salary business.

We have yet to see a single labor paper that objects to the verdict against "Skinny" Madden. Organized labor is fighting the Maddens in its ranks. Is organized capital fighting its Harrimans and Carnegies and Schwabs?

Mr. Carnegie has written a magazine article telling us how much money he spent building libraries. Now let him write another telling of some of the experiences of the poor devils from whom he took the money in the first place.

Uncle Sam Gompers is off for Europe. It's enough to make Jim Van Cleave throw a fit to see a common workingman taking a trip to Europe. Why didn't he get out an injunction restraining Uncle Sam from going?

The duty on lemons will be increased. If it will tend to lesson the number handed to organized labor by the courts we'll welcome the increase, although we are opposed to a protective tariff on general principles.

The department stores of Chicago issued an order that their teamsters should not wear their union buttons. Did the teamsters submit? Well, the order was rescinded and the boys still wear the buttons.

Senators Burkett and Brown want a protective tariff on pumice stone in order to protect the infant pumice stone industry in Nebraska owned by the struggling Cudahy Packing Co.

The excise board has acted properly in retaining Captain Ireland, Detective Malone and Police Matron Doyle. These three officials are efficient, loyal and persevering.

The janitors at the state house every morning pick up from a dozen to fifty empty whisky and beer bottles on the capitol grounds. Yet Lincoln is a "dry" town.

The striking hatters are in need of assistance. They never refused to help you when you were making a fight to secure justice. Now come across.

They have investigated County Clerk Dawson's accounts and find that the county owes him \$15. What will Walt do with the money?

Commencement week! Now we will have every grave question authoritatively settled by those amply qualified—the graduates.

You can help a whole lot by telling the merchant that you saw his advertisement in The Wageworker.

All roads lead to Omaha for union pressmen week after next.

Now for a labor headquarters preliminary to a Labor Temple.

A wink is as good as a nod at some soda fountains.

IT DIDN'T WORK.

The firm of Gartner & Bender, bookbinders, of Chicago, made a try to return to the nine-hour day and locked out ten men and six women. After being out four days the firm relented and called in their people and complimented them on their loyalty to their union.

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Printeries That Are Entitled to Use the Allied Trades Label.

Following is a list of the printing offices in Lincoln that are entitled to the use of the Allied Printing Trades label, together with the number of the label used by each shop:

- Jacob North & Co., No. 1.
- Chas. A. Simmons, No. 2.
- Freie Presse, No. 3.
- Woodruff-Collins, No. 4.
- Graves & Payne, No. 5.
- State Printing Co., No. 6.
- Star Publishing Co., No. 7.
- Western Newspaper Union, No. 8.
- Wood Printing Co., No. 9.
- Dairyman Publishing Co., No. 10.
- George Brothers, No. 11.
- McVey, No. 12.
- Lincoln Herald, No. 14.
- New Century Printers, No. 17.
- Gillispie & Phillips, No. 18.
- Herburger, The Printer, No. 20.
- Der Pilger, No. 25.

FAIR BARBER SHOPS.

You Will Find the Union Card in the Following Places.

When you enter a barber shop, see that the union shop card is in plain sight before you get into the chair. If the card is not to be seen, go elsewhere. The union shop card is a guarantee of a cleanly shop, a smooth shave or good hair-cut, and courteous treatment. The following barber shops are entitled to the patronage of union men:

- George Petro, 1010 O.
- J. J. Simpson, 1001 O.
- George Shaffer, Lincoln Hotel.
- C. B. Ellis, Windsor Hotel.
- D. S. Crop, Capital Hotel.
- M. J. Roberts, Royal Hotel.
- A. L. Kimmerer, Lindell Hotel.
- C. A. Green, 120 North Eleventh.
- C. A. Green, 1132 O.
- E. A. Wood, 1206 O.
- Chaplin & Ryan, 129 North Twelfth.
- E. C. Evans, 1121 P.
- Bert Sturm, 116 South Thirteenth.
- J. B. Raynor, 1501 O.
- Muck & Barthelman, 122 South

Twelfth.

- J. J. Simpson, 922 P.
- Frank Malone, Havelock.
- C. A. Hughart, Havelock.

THE CARPENTERS.

A Few Words About the Knights of Saw, Hammer and Plane.

At Monday night's meeting of the Carpenters' Union, C. H. Case was elected delegate to the State Federation of Labor convention. E. M. Heywood was elected alternate.

J. W. Dickson having left the city, Ed S. Scott has been elected financial secretary to succeed him. Mr. Dickson has gone to Wyoming. It is to be hoped that Dickson's absence is only temporary, for Lincoln can ill spare union men of his calibre.

Work is extra good. Every union man is at work, and there are more calls for union men than can be supplied.

Junk wagon drivers, stenographers, bookkeepers and assistants have organized in Kansas City, Mo.