



THE PRINTERS.

Adopt Resolutions Demanding the Initiative and Referendum.

At last Sunday's meeting of the Typographical Union a ringing resolution was unanimously adopted demanding the enactment of the Skiles initiative and referendum bill into law without change or amendment.

The union also endorsed the candidacy of Gus Hyers of Havelock for the republican nomination for sheriff. Resolutions of sympathy for E. P. and John Thompson, who recently lost their mother, were adopted. The printing bill prepared by the legislative committee of the State Federation of Labor was also endorsed.

The ball committee reported progress and stated that the work of making it the social function of the year was progressing nicely. The ball will be held on February 21 at Bul-lard's dancing academy. Following are the resolutions endorsing the Skiles' bill:

"Whereas, The state of Nebraska has long been the victim of poor service in the matter of its printing, due to its antiquated and always unsatisfactory system of purchasing its printing, and

"Whereas, Under present conditions it seems impossible to secure the enforcement of provisions that will compel successful bidders for printing and printed supplies to perform good service, and

"Whereas, The time has come when Nebraska should take a step forward not only in the matter of demanding better service for the money it expends, but in the matter of recognizing those who have, by their enterprise, their sacrifices and their toil, developed the industrial possibilities of Nebraska; therefore be it

"Resolved, That Typographical Union No. 209 demand the enactment into law of the bill known as House Roll No. 320, which provides that all printed matter for the state bear the insignia that is always proof positive of work performed by skilled mechanics under fair conditions of employment and at a rate of wages which permits of a mode of living that makes for good citizenship now and in the future, instead of a mode that breeds only misery and woe and inferior citizenship.

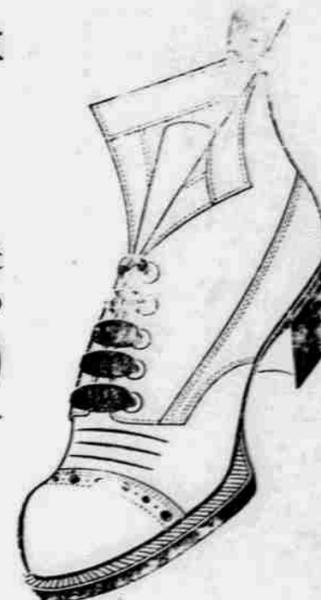
"Resolved, That this organization urge upon the lawmakers of the state the necessity of careful investigation of the printing supplied the state during the past decade, and compare it with the printing done for Kansas and other states where official recognition is given to the insignia proving good workmanship performed at a living wage. The present system puts a premium upon slovenly work, padded bills and competition that compels men to deceive the common-

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wealth in order to secure work, resulting in the commonwealth's being cheated in many ways..

"Resolved, That this organization, with a record of fifty-nine years of conservative and efficient service to the wage earners and helpfulness to the employers of printers, pledge itself to in future keep the label of itself and allied crafts the guarantee of good workmanship and faithful service, and we urge upon the lawmakers the justice and wisdom of recognizing those who have, alone and unaided, brought labor up from the low level of servitude to the dignity which attaches to all honest human endeavor, and which must prevail if justice survive.

"Resolved, That copies of this resolution be offered the daily press and other copies be sent to the legislators of our state."

MINISTERS "RESOLUTE."

What They Have to Say About the Business Men's Move.

The Ministerial union met last Tuesday and adopted the following statement and gave it to the press:

"Two years ago under the referendum the question of "No Saloons" was submitted to the people of Lincoln. Many reputable citizens doubted the wisdom of abolishing the saloons. The people of Lincoln, however, declared against the saloons by a majority of 346.

"A year ago the saloon element reopened the question under the referendum. They effected a most thorough organization backed by the brewers of the state and the country. But so immediate and conspicuous were the beneficial results of the

closed saloon that the former doubters became ardent believers. And again the no-saloon policy was sustained by 931.

"It was ardently hoped and believed that this settled the saloon policy of Lincoln for some years at least and that distracting agitation would now cease. But, no, this the saloon element would not allow.

"Realizing that they could not gain their end by a fair and open fight they entered upon a campaign of injuring the business interests of the city by continuously "knocking" and making disparaging statements about its prosperity in the face of the fact that the last two years have been the most prosperous Lincoln has ever had. They demand the restoration of the saloon as the price for ceasing to "knock" and agitate. To yield to this demand would be base cow-