

IN THE FIELD OF LABOR.

As was expected, the employer's liability bill is meeting with the fierce opposition of employers. The first hearing on the bill was held last Wednesday evening and the paid attorney of a couple of employers' associations showed up to explain how vicious the bill is. Also to tell the wage earners asking for it how bad its effects would be upon them. The legislative committee of the state federation of labor was present and urged the favorable recommendation of the measure. It is hopeless to expect that this bill get past the sifting committee this year, but the fact of the matter is that a lot of good has been accomplished by the mere introduction of the measure. It is an evidence that the workers are more thoroughly alive to their rights and determined to press them. This is the first real employers' liability bill ever introduced into the legislature, and it has aroused considerable interest. It will have the effect of making a lot of people sit up and take notice of the demands of the wage earner, and that of itself is a great gain.

Another meeting of the labor committee was held Thursday evening, at which time the attorney for the legislative committee appeared and made concise answers to the objections presented by the attorney for the employers. It is easy to be seen that the committee is divided on the bill. There would be far less trouble in getting a favorable report were it not for the fact that a majority of the committee is made up of farmers. And your average farmer is strenuously opposed to any measure that he thinks will not give him especial favor. However, if the Nebraska State Federation of Labor will keep right on pushing, and the labor organizations will get into the game,

the time will come when the majority of wage earners in this state will have enough representatives of their own in the legislature to secure justice instead of always begging for it.

O. M. Rudy's organization is getting in its work in fine style, and if the union men of Lincoln pull together they will have little trouble in making him the republican nominee for water and light commissioner. Party lines are being shot all to pieces these days, and for that reason Rudy's chances look unusually bright. There are enough union voters in Lincoln to make Rudy's nomination a fact, and if they fail they need blame nobody but themselves.

"Gus" Hyers is still as busy as a nailer, and he is taking in all the sales and farmers' meeting in the county, shaking hands and pushing his candidacy for sheriff. It is with Hyers in the county as it is with Rudy in the city—there are enough union voters to give Hyers the nomination hands down if they'll only vote together instead of pulling apart as heretofore.

It is reported that John Mitchell is to be made editor of the United Mine Workers' Journal at a salary that will amply compensate him for his five thousand dollar a year job with the National Civic Federation.

The machinists of Havelock held a splendid meeting at union hall in that city Wednesday evening. It was an open meeting designed to interest the non-union machinists and at the same time re-awaken the interest of the members. A number of rousing and timely talks were made, and the old-time enthusiasm seemed to be on top. Since swarming by themselves the Havelock machinists have been

getting their local affairs in proper shape. Now that this is fully accomplished we confidently expect to see the new local make 'em all go some to equal its record for aggressive action along conservative lines.

Lincoln unionists are considerably interested in the outcome of the Sunday base ball bill, now before the legislature. Of course a majority of them are in favor of Sunday base ball, for all of them are base ball devotees, and a majority of them are deprived of the pleasure of seeing them if Sunday ball is prohibited. Some warm resolutions have been adopted by the various locals, and all of them insist upon the legalizing of Sunday base ball.

A card from Raymond G. Stewart, editor of Cedar Rapids' splendid labor paper, announces the arrival of "Bill," weighing in at ten pounds. "Bill" arrived a few days ago, and if he grows up to be as staunch a unionist as his daddy he will be all right. Of course we are hoping that "Bill" will be a far better all-around man than dad, and if he has the success in life that Uncle Bill of Lincoln is wishing for him, he will be as happy and as prosperous as it is possible for a man to be. "Bill" is a warm one—and all the warmer because the arrival was postponed some ten or twelve years. Here's looking at you, "Bill!"

The San Francisco Labor Clarion recently celebrated another anniversary, which reminds us that we are growing older all the time. But age cannot wither nor custom state the infinite variety of the Labor Clarion, which Will J. French has made into one of the snappiest and most forceful exponents of organized labor printed anywhere on the globe.

Senate File 16, the building bill introduced by the State Federation of Labor, is on the general file of the house, now and recommended for passage. It might have been further along had it not been for a misunderstanding between the Federation's legislative committee and the committee sent down by the Building Trades Council of Omaha. But a strenuous effort will be made to have it pushed to the front by the sifting committee. As amended the bill is practically assured of passage and approval if it can be saved from the smothering process that invariably winds up each session.

The Lathers' union has recently raised its scale of prices and taken into consideration some recent changes in the style of lathing being done. This little union—perhaps the smallest in Lincoln—is making a game fight against big odds, and seems to be making a winning, too.

Let's see, how many months has it been since the Los Angeles Times explosion? And how many men have been convicted of that awful crime? And weren't we to see a lot of union men jailed or hanged within a very few weeks for having blown up that building? When General Otis charged

union men with having dynamited his newspaper building, did he not know that he lied like a pirate? And isn't the manufacturers and merchants association a conglomeration of four-flushing, union-busting Annaniases? Organized labor dares Otis and his bunch to submit all the evidence to any unprejudiced tribunal and let it decide whether that explosion was due to a criminal plot on the part of union men or due to the criminal carelessness of the men who owned the wrecked building.

The semi-monthly payday bill has been reported for passage by the labor committee of the house. This is another one of the railroad brotherhood bills, but it will hardly make the raffle this time. There are too many "favorite bills" ahead of it for the sifting committee to get that far down.

Fred Warren, the almost imprisoned editor of Appeal to Reason, was anxious to have the sentence carried out because he believed that if the facts concerning the trial were made known thereby, that it would add a million votes to the Socialists in 1912. Perhaps if he was to be unjustly hung he would add five millions.—Portland Labor Press.

The Iowa statute which declares that railways may not by contract with employes evade liability for personal injuries was this week adjudged constitutional by the supreme court of the United States. The decision was in the case of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad against Charles L. McGuire, a brakeman, who was seriously injured in a collision. He filed suit for \$2,000 damages.

The committee having in charge the recent Typographical union ball have let loose the gentle hint that it is going to turn into the union's strong box just a little more money than any previous ball committee has turned in.

It is hinted that several candidates for city office have found their mail clogged with unlabelled cards returned with the little sticker thereon. At any rate we know one modest printery that can put the label on that has had the pleasure of re-printing some candidatorial cards.

A number of political aspirants who never gave the Labor Temple a second thought until now, are daily wending their way to that popular resort of workingmen and getting acquainted with the boys. It does beat all how interested they are in the wage earner's welfare just about two or three weeks before an election.

THANKS TO SENATOR TANNEER.

Organized Labor Appreciates His Friendship and Says So.

At last Friday night's meeting of the Central Labor Union a resolution was unanimously adopted thanking Senator John M. Tanner of Douglas for the friendship he has so often manifested towards organized labor. It was Senator Tanner who went to the last ditch with the union label bill, making a fight for it that kept

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