

stands up and gives a reason for his objections to the established order of things. The "knocker" is always busy against the man who is trying to do things. The "kicker" is always after the men who refuse to do anything or allow anyone else to try it. There is, too, a vast difference between being satisfied and being contented. One may be satisfied with what has been accomplished along the reformatory lines without being contented. The contented man is in a rut—the satisfied man may be constantly striving for something better. As a general proposition Will Maupin's Weekly is satisfied with what is, but it will not be content until things are as they should be. This newspaper accepts whatever comes, cheerfully and hopefully, and strives to make the best of it. But acceptance does not signify approval always. Brer Richmond may "kick" because things are not as they should be in Minden, but we opine he will not descend to the level of "knocking" Minden because of that fact. A misunderstanding of terms is evidently responsible for the esteemed Courier's conclusions.

WHERE IS THE HALT?

But if those who know that there has been a substantial halt in the splendid progress this city was making when the change in policy was inaugurated two years ago are fair with themselves, with their neighbors and their city, they will surely determine to institute a change of policy in an effort to rekindle business activities in Lincoln.—Lincoln Daily Star.

Will Maupin's Weekly is not of those believing that the matter of license or no license cuts any considerable figure in a city's business affairs. But as an opponent of the iniquitous license system that seeks to secure revenue from an admitted evil, thus selling indulgence for paltry gain—it is quite willing to put the record of Lincoln's two "dry" years against any two years of Lincoln "wet." If we mistake not a splendid mill was erected in Lincoln since the "dry" regime began. Other splendid evidences of business growth may be seen in the new plant of the Beatrice Creamery Co., the new First National Bank building, the new Bankers' Life building, the new Y. M. C. A. building, the fine building at Sixteenth and O, another one at Seventeenth and O, several new wholesome buildings, the great improvements on the Lindell hotel, and other evidences of growth and prosperity too numerous to mention. Will Maupin's Weekly ventures this assertion: During the two years ending April 25, 1911, more money was spent in building lines in Lincoln than during any other two years of her history; that during those two years more money was paid in wages to mechanics in Lincoln than during any other two years in her history; that during those two years the bank clearings and postal receipts of Lincoln were greater than during any other two years of her history; that dur-

ing those two years a larger percentage of Lincoln people bought their own homes than during any other two years of her history. We are not claiming that all this was due to the "dry" policy. We are merely stating this fact: The last two years were the most prosperous two years in Lincoln's history. If anyone, especially the esteemed Star, can prove that the record would have been better if Lincoln had been a license city, let them come forward with the proof—mere assertion will not suffice.

RELIGION IN THE LABOR MOVEMENT.

There is so much religion in the labor movement, and so much of the social spirit in the Church, that, with the inevitable development of each in these respects, it will some day become a question as to whether the Church will capture the labor movement, or whether the labor movement will capture the Church.

It is becoming quite clear to most of us that neither side can afford to ignore the other. While there are good and sufficient reasons for the Church to discuss the problem of how it may save the people, there are also most excellent reasons which prove that the people must save the Church.

Workingmen almost universally honor Jesus Christ as a Great Friend and Leader. A recent writer once said: "In that fortress of progress which the social workingmen of Belgium have built in Brussels, the Maison du Peuple, as you pass from one part to another of that hive of many activities, you may happen to go into an upper lecture hall, and note across the end of the platform a great curtain hanging. It is drawn reverently aside, and behind it one sees a fresco of the form of Christ, with hand uplifted, pointing the way above. It is surely deeply significant of the vital power of His message, and of the way He wins men still to follow Him."

Almost every mention of the name of Christ in a workingmen's meeting brings forth the most hearty applause.

The average workingman is naturally religious. His religion may not always be expressed in the orthodox manner, but it is there, nevertheless; infidelity scarcely exists among workingmen. As a matter of fact, they respond most readily to the religious appeal. It is the testimony of nearly every preacher who engages in shop meetings that they are never listened to with great respect and with greater interest by any other kind of an audience.

HENRY BINGAMAN

The democratic candidate for city clerk, Henry Bingaman, ought to have the vote of every mechanic in the city, for he is one of them. Mr. Bingaman is president of the Typographical Union, a taxpayer and a competent man for the place. He has lived in Lincoln for many years, and his character is above re-

proach. If elected city clerk he will be fair and impartial, courteous to everybody, industrious and careful. The editor of this newspaper has worked with Mr. Bingaman in the years gone by and thus knowing him unreservedly recommends him to the voters of Lincoln.

THE MAN YOU WANT.

Do you want a man in the office of water and light commissioner who will understand that you, not he, owns the water and light systems? Do you want a man in that office who will seek to accommodate the largest possible number of people, not to discommode the largest possible number? Do you want a man in that office who will strive to ascertain what the people need and then get it for them, instead of ignoring the people's needs? If you want that kind of a man in that office, vote for J. E. Murray, a capable, energetic young man who has never held public office.

THE ELECTRICAL ORDINANCE

There are two referendum petitions to be voted on next Tuesday. One of them is for the creation of an office to be known as electrical inspector. The voters should study that ordinance very carefully before voting either way. That such an officer is needed no one can deny. Whether the ordinance creating the office is a good one or not is for the voter to decide.

A lot o' men dat t'ink demselves too good t' sell booze ain't above votin' fr it becaws de t'ink dey'll git a share o' de swag.

I'm only a kid, but already I've notused dat de fellers shoutin' de loudest about personal liberty usually has breaths on' em dat reminds a guy o' standin' on de north side uv a distillery when de wind is frum de sout'.

WILL MAUPIN'S WEEKLY

A JOURNAL OF
CHEERFUL COMMENT

Dollar
A
Year

Fifty-two doses of Nebraska Optimism—a dose a week—for a whole year.

Send th Dollar to Will Maupin's Wkly, Linc oln, Nb raska.

P. S. Send the Dollar Today.