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PATRONIZE OUR FRIENDS.

Merchants who advertise in the labor papers show that they care for the union man's trade. Patronize those who are willing to help you. Read the advertisements in THE WAGWORKER, and if you need of anything in their line, visit their stores and make your purchases, and tell them why you came there. We desire to particularly impress this matter upon the wives and daughters of the union men, as they do most of the purchasing.

THE CASE OF HOSKINS

The Wagworker devotes considerable space this week to remarks upon the case of Excelsior Hoskins. This paper will not undertake to expose every series of public graft, because even a feeble attempt to do so would prevent it from giving attention to matters in line with labor news. But in this case the interests of union labor are officially concerned, therefore The Wagworker performs the duty imposed upon it by reason of its being a representative of the interests of organized labor.

Had Hoskins not been elected as a representative of organized labor this newspaper would have referred to his case merely as a matter of news. But as the case stands it feels compelled to refer to it in the interests of organized labor. Mr. Hoskins has an opportunity to resign, and he should avail himself thereof. If he does not do so, then it will be the duty of this newspaper and of the interests it strives to represent to make public facts that will bring results calculated to make him wish from the bottom of his soul that he had resigned when he had the opportunity!

GOOD FOR HAYWOOD!

The Wagworker joffs its hat to Secretary Haywood of Denver. He is made of the right kind of stuff. Doubtless he has made many mistakes in his efforts to conserve the best interests of unionism and union men, but he made no mistake when he knocked down the insolent militia officer who undertook to insult him. And he made no mistake when he knocked down the insolent private who rushed to the assistance of their fallen officer.

Haywood was merely trying to shake hands with the president of his union, Mr. Moyer, who was a prisoner in the hands of the militia without warrant of the law and in defiance of the civil courts. Haywood was within his rights in trying to speak to the president of his union, but puffed up by brief authority and insolent because of the backing of the moneyed anarchists who were defying the courts, the militia official sought to assault him and was very properly knocked down by a blow from Haywood's sturdy fist. The Chicago Chronicle, which is the chief organ of the D. M. Parry Union Wrecking association, and ever ready and willing to defame union men and distort the facts in connection with any labor disputes, says that "Haywood, of course, was properly clubbed and stabbed into submission, and it will be a long time before he will be able to resume his activity in behalf of President Moyer." Things have come to a pretty pass in free America if a man is "properly clubbed and stabbed into submission" merely because he seeks to shake the hand of a man who is illegally held by military authorities in defiance of the civil courts in a county or city that is not and never was under martial law. The Chicago Chronicle is always loud in its denunciations of "anarchists," but it is making more anarchists every year than are admitted into this country through the gates of Castle Garden. The Chronicle further says that "Governor Peabody has it in his power to make San Miguel county the quietest place in the state." Yes, he can do that by shooting every union man in the county, banishing every widow and orphan of the murdered union man and leaving the mine owners in full control of the abject wage slaves they have imported to take the place of the men who struck for decent wage and fair treatment. Doubtless this is just what the Chronicle would advise the governor to do.

Governor Peabody is doing just what he was elected to do. He has

sent the militia into San Miguel county, not to protect life and property, but to break the strike. The mine owners have contributed to pay the expenses of the militia. The militia is not acting for the state, but for the mine owners. And the mine owners are using the militia to protect themselves in the violation of law, the disregard of the rights of free men and the unwarranted abuse of women and children. If the day of reckoning for these high-handed anarchists of corporate wealth is not near at hand then organized labor would better disband.

A DAMNABLE OUTRAGE

President Moyer of Telluride is illegally imprisoned by military force in spite of the orders of a civil court for relief. He is not charged with a non-bailable offense. Yet the supreme court of Colorado denied him admission to bail pending his application for release on a writ of habeas corpus. Had President Moyer been guilty of a most horrible murder he could not have been treated with more severity. But he is not charged with anything more serious than being the president of a labor union and refusing to be browbeaten by the arrogant union wreckers of Colorado who have secured the aid of the militia and purchased control of the state administration. His incarceration is an outrage, is in defiance of law, and violative of the very fundamentals of American freedom.

But Colorado is reaping the reward of her subservience to the arrogant union wreckers. An enormous bill of costs is piling up against her. Her trade is falling off at a frightful rate. Denver, the metropolis of the state, is suffering worse than it did during the strenuous days of the panic when banks burst on every hand. Thousands of idle men tramp the streets, and business stagnation is evident on every hand. It is a just punishment upon a people who sold their birthright for a mess of capitalistic potage.

The question of an eight-hour day was left to referendum vote in Colorado and carried by a majority of over 50,000. A venal legislature sold out to the mine owners and the amendment was defeated. These venal mine owners are the same men who are now prating so loudly about "rights" and using the militia to break down labor unions and deprive union men of liberty without warrant of law. It is all right for those who are hundreds of miles away to advise caution and forbearance, but if revolution is the result of the high-handed outrages perpetrated upon laboring men in Colorado, the arrogant mine owners and the lickspittle Peabody will alone be to blame.

E. O. Mayfield, known to little folk all over the west as "Rex M.", will soon issue the initial number of a juvenile magazine. Mr. Mayfield is one of the best writers of animal and juvenile stories in the country, and we can imagine of no better treat for a boy or girl than a subscription to his magazine. He ought to start off with a subscription list of 25,000. The price will be 50 cents a year, and the magazine will be a monthly. The office of publication will be South Omaha, Neb.

The Denver papers are keeping silent in all known languages about the trouble in the mining districts. They have elongated and diaphanous editorials on every other subject under the sun. But the explanation is easy. The mine owners control advertising, while the union men control only individual subscriptions, and doubtless most of them continue to subscribe for the papers that do not dare to denounce the outrages perpetrated on workingmen in the mining regions.

Advertisers who patronize The Wagworker are the friends of organized labor. Those who do not advertise in The Wagworker may be, and many of them doubtless are, friends of organized labor. But union men and women can aid their cause and at the same time help The Wagworker by patronizing those who advertise in this newspaper.

It was in Philadelphia that "liberty was proclaimed throughout all the world and to all the inhabitants thereof." It was in Philadelphia, too, and only a few days ago—that free speech was denied and men thrown into jail for daring to say that the denial was an outrage.

The Wagworker calls especial attention to the article, "The Church and the Labor Unions," which appears elsewhere. The article appeared in the St. Louis Christian-Evangelist several months ago, and was a reply to a communication from Rev. B. B. Tyler of Denver.

Some Americans who wept bitter tears over the Russians sent to Siberia without trial never give a thought to the Americans in Colorado who are sent to jail without warrant and kept there for months without trial. This is a queer world.

The Baltimore Labor Leader was burned out in the great fire. It never

missed an issue, and is now printed again on its own type and presses. The Baltimore Labor Leader is full of hustle and deserves the united support of Baltimore wage-earners.

Doubtless Captain Bulkely of the Colorado militia is one of those fellows who is always deploring "anarchy" and denouncing men as anarchists who have the temerity to tell the truth about labor conditions in this country.

Lincoln should make an effort to secure the next convention of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. It would be a big thing for Lincoln, a good thing for the engineers, and a good thing for unionism.

Pennsylvania mine owners complain when the ignorant Huns and Finns and Slavs they have imported to take the place of intelligent American labor, let loose their brutish passions and begin to burn and slay.

If it bears the union label you need not worry about the condition of those who made it. It is a good guarantee that the maker received good wages and worked in comparatively healthful surroundings.

Look here, every wife whose husband is a union man, are you guilty of sweeping your house with a convict made broom? They are made and sold right here in Lincoln.

The Women's Label League has a right to be proud of its social function last Tuesday night. It was a great success, and thoroughly deserved.

Parryism is responsible for the conditions in Colorado, and those conditions are worse than any ever brought about by trades unionists.

Every time you demand the label you insist upon good wages for the men and women who are engaged in the trades.

The Wagworker would like to have a correspondent in every labor union in Lincoln and Havelock.

John Burns, member of the British parliament, says: "Colorado is hell with the lid off."

Sam Parkism or Tom Hoskinsism has no place in unionism. That's flat.

**PROPERLY
Labeled.**

THE RESULT.
"Remember Smedley?"
"Yes, what about him?"
"Well, he was captured by Parry's talk of 'free men.' Deserted the union and said he'd own himself hereafter."
"Well?"
"Smedley is owned by a chattel mortgage shark now."

SATISFACTORY.
"Ah," remarked Smithers as he sat down to a satisfying meal of several courses and tucked the napkin into his vest.
"Ah, but who wouldn't be in favor of the ate hour system?"
Whereupon Smithers pitched in and spent sixty minutes at the table.

DIFFERENT.
"Are you in favor of the eight-hour day, Miss Cutely?" queried Mr. Softleigh.
"Yes, the eight-hour day is perfectly right. But there is such a thing as carrying the eight-hour matter too far."
"In what way may it be carried too far, may I ask?" queried Mr. Softleigh.
"I do not believe in the eight-hour evening call," responded Miss Cutely, yawning and looking at the clock.

SCHEME.
"The boss is always talking about being on time, but he's got a scheme that lets him off easy."
"What is it?"
"His watch is slow, and he comes down to work by it. The clock in his private office is fast, and he quits by that."

PROOF.
"Are you a union woman?" queried the visitor.
"Indeed I am," responded Mrs. Squarely.
"Can you show a union card?"
"Yes, three of 'em—here Johnnie, Florence, Bertha! Come in and be introduced to the lady!"

CARDS.
Unionism consists as much in giving as it does in getting.
The honest workman begins just as promptly on time as he quits when the whistle blows.
Unionism has its faults, but it has never yet asked the militia to fight its battles.
Just as soon as it dawns upon the non-union man that the capitalists are using him for a club to beat down unionism, he will quit being a sucker and become "square."

WOODRUFF-COLLINS.

The members of the W. U. chappie wish it distinctly understood that they have no candidate for delegate.

R. C. Mallory has lately joined several new societies, the first letters of which stand for a certain branch of the live-stock industry and the last for a very important article during the winter season. Can you guess it? He says the initiation fee is low.

Owing to overproduction or a lack of orders our "coffee mill" has not run much lately. In consequence there has not been much strain on it.

Fred Ress, of the bindery, was elected president of the Allied Trades Council at their meeting Wednesday night. Push the label!

"Tec" Bridges, the new pressman, is making good every day, which goes to show that his promotion was well deserved. He and M. L. Peters, the Gordon pressman, will star the state presently in several new vaudeville specialties.

Does any one know why George Thompson is assuming the role of "constant visitor"?

One of the girls in the bindery has resurrected an old remedy for toothache, viz: Fill the mouth full of water and sit on the stove until it boils.

FREE PRESSE.

H. Broening, Jim Brooks and Bob Kreamer had a rush order for home last Monday night to sail out their cellars.

H. Demorest has quit bemoaning the long walk home in the early morning. He passes the time away thinking of the greeting that new grandson will have ready for him.

H. T. Turner is accused of working overtime without extra pay. But he says the boys are figuring that he is doing it while finding partners for the dance Monday nights.

The big press in the basement is now churning out upwards of 450,000 papers a week, and the press room gang is working overtime.

NEWSPAPER UNION.

The W. N. U. "gang" is impatiently waiting for the time when it will be at work in the mansion over on Fourteenth street.

"Doc" Righter has been patronizing the Standard Oil company lately. He jabbed a rusty nail into his hand and used kerosene as a curative.

Bert Wilson reports negotiations pending for the sale of Canadian rights for the manufacture and sale of his automatic leading machine.

Manager Cole insists that the Lincoln branch will have the finest building in the W. N. U. circuit by the first of July.

INDEPENDENT.

"Sam" McCoy still insists that deep thinking and deep breathing is the only system that insures long life.

Val Bach has four fingers on his right hand knocked out and says if he has any more hard luck in that line he will begin practicing with his toes on the linotype.

PERSONALS.

Mrs. Roy Rhone suffered a hard fall a few days ago, but no permanent or serious injury was sustained.

Mrs. G. W. Wathan has been quite ill for several weeks, but is now convalescing.

Mrs. H. W. Smith has been suffering severely from rheumatism for more than a month, and was compelled to remain indoors most of the time. She is now able to be about and is rapidly recovering her wonted health.

Charles W. Bryan, business manager of The Commoner, is enjoying a vacation in the wilds of Mississippi, but is not trying to round up any bears. He is accompanied by Mrs. Bryan.

W. H. Toy is once more able to be on the streets after a long siege of illness.

Mrs. W. H. Toy, who was on the sick list for several weeks, is now convalescent.

AUXILIARY "MARKET."

Last Saturday Capital Auxiliary No. 11, Lincoln Typographical Union No. 209, had a "market" at the Keystone Grocery. The ladies in charge report that it was a successful affair and that all the good things were bought up before noon. Every article on sale was prepared by the wives of Lincoln printers and consisted of fine pastry and other delicacies.

THREW HIM OUT.

Union men in Omaha were jarred the other day when a non-union man was sent to Labor Temple to install a new phone. The man was well on with his work when a unionist casually asked him if he had a card. "Not on your life," said the fellow. "I'm from Lincoln." Then there was something doing. The man was fired out of the room and notice sent to the telephone company to either send a union man to install the instrument or take it out of the house. The telephone company has an "open shop," and everything is quiet, but the union men wouldn't stand for having a "scab" connect a telephone in Labor Temple.

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TEST OF UNIONISM.

Organization Should Level Up, and Not Down.

The chief test of unionism is its effect upon the character of the individual workman, writes Secretary White of the United Garment Workers of America.

It is not sufficient to show that unionism has advanced the worker materially.

If the labor struggle tends to make the laborer self-reliant and develop his faculties it is of inestimable value.

If, however, it tends ultimately to suppress the individual, lessen his capacity and make him subordinate to the mass, it not only fails of its purpose, but works serious injury.

The individual workman under modern methods of industry is unable to assert himself. He is subject to conditions upon which unaided he is unable to make an impression.

Alone he is a nonentity. His individuality in that respect is submerged.

He regains it by acting with other workmen having allied interests. Individual striving then gives way to joint endeavor.

It is the same with a body of men as it is with an individual. In the struggle for an existence the best faculties are exercised and developed, and when the object of that striving is attained the healthful activities are slackened and decline sets in.

That is why the unions in their early stages often prove more capable of withstanding opposition than when their membership becomes large and meets with a degree of success.

Unions that have started full fledged through the effort of other unions and have gained the benefits of unionism without struggle are often without stability and really a hindrance to the general movement. They contribute numbers, but that is only a dead weight.

Such members accept the fruits that others have labored for as something that is due them, and when the artificial props that have supported them are withdrawn they fall away.

If unionism is to endure and fulfill its highest mission, the dangers that have been pointed out must be taken into consideration.

Individual development must be allowed full play and allowances made for special abilities.

Instead of trying to keep all down to a dead level, every member should be put upon his merits and not limited by his earnings. In brief, the workman should be permitted the same play as when unorganized, while being re-enforced with the combined strength of his fellow workmen.

The function of the union is to insure fair play and to enforce a standard of wages and hours based upon the average abilities. There should be a grading upward and not downward. No limitations should be put upon capacities except for reasons of health.

By observing these rules the unions would make their position impregnable.

SITUATION IN MISSOURI.

Facts and Figures From the Report of the State Labor Bureau.

The twenty-fifth annual report of the bureau of labor statistics and inspection of Missouri for 1903 gives the numbers of each class of workmen employed, their average daily wages, hours of labor and the percentage of increases in wages during the year. A large number of particulars are given with regard to labor organizations, of which 636 reported to the bureau of labor statistics. With regard to them the following statistics are of interest:

The total membership of the labor organizations was 79,443, of whom 2,835 were females. It is estimated that 80.56 per cent of the wage earners in the organized trades are members of trade unions. Compared with 1901 the average daily hours of labor decreased from 9.5 to 9.26 in 1902, and the rate of wages increased from an average of 25.39 cents per hour to 27.77 cents.

There were 159 strikes and lockouts in 1902, of which 110 ended in favor of the men, 24 in favor of the employers, and compromises were effected in 25 cases. The estimated amount of wages lost through strikes was \$142,844.35, and the strike benefits paid by labor organizations amounted to \$47,711.10. There were 30,049 persons involved in strikes and lockouts.

The report of the superintendent of the Missouri free employment offices contained in this report states that in the year ended Sept. 30, 1903, there were 16,628 applicants for employment, of which number places were found for 11,036. There were 26,816 applications for help received from employers, and consequently the number of places not filled amounted to 15,780.

The Laugh Was on Parry.

A joke on David M. Parry, the Indiana manufacturer who has become widely known for his invectives against organized labor, was perpetrated in the law office of Senator Beveridge in Indianapolis, says an exchange. Mr. Parry entered there wearing a new suit of clothes. Larz Whitcomb, who is in Mr. Beveridge's office and knows Mr. Parry intimately, chaffed the manufacturer about his new clothes and suggested that they were made by organized labor. "No," said Mr. Parry, "I think not this time." But Mr. Whitcomb pushed back the lapel of his friend's coat, and on the inside, sewed in a conspicuous place, was the union label.

"A 100 Per Cent Union."

International Typographical Union Organizer John E. McLoughlin reports that local No. 424 has enrolled every journeyman printer within its jurisdiction—the Oranges, Montclair and Bloomfield, N. J.—making what he terms "a 100 per cent union."



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