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Y 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 anything in their
line, visit their stores and
make your purchases, and tell
them why you came there.
We desire to particularly im-
press this matter upon the
wives and daughters of the
union men, as they do most of
the purchasing.

The Place to Work.

There are two places in po-
litical life where the union man
should get in his work—at the
primaries and at the ballot box.
The workingman who always
neglects the primaries has no kick
coming when the machine runs
over him. The workingman who
fails to register an honest vote
at the polls has no kick coming
when the machine plays him for
a sucker and throws everything
into the hands of labor's oppon-
ents.

The greatest trouble with the
labor movement today is, how-
ever, that too many workingmen
are bound by party ties. The
shibboleth of party is to them
more forcible than home ties or
labor interests. At the crack of
the party lash they cringe and
tremble, and at the command of
the party bosses they vote like
sheep. Of course the average
workingman doesn't believe that
he does these things, but he does.
The smooth and oily party bosses
absolutely control him, but they
are so smooth that they make
the poor devil believe he is a
sovereign, that his voice has equal
weight with others, and that he
is exercising his own free will
and choice. The ties of party are
so strong that the average man
will stand for any old thing just
so it bears the stamp of party
regularity.

That is where organized labor
gets it in the neck. Its strength
is divided on partisan lines, while
the smooth and oil politicians win
no matter which party loses.

As a sample of this sort of
thing, take the action of the Cen-
tral Labor Union last Tuesday
night. It voted unanimously to
protest to congress against the
lowering of the duty on Philip-
pine cigars, and yet one-half the
members of that body are shout-
ing for the imperialistic policy
of the republicans which brings
the underpaid Filipino cigarmak-
ers under the protection of a flag
which is supposed to guarantee
equal rights to all over whom
it floats. Cigarmakers, ropemak-
ers, spinners and weavers, and a
host of other tradesmen should
have thought about those things
before they allowed the shibboleth
of party to carry them over into
the imperialistic camp where they
are put in the attitude of either
giving their pretensions the lie
or making the flag mean some-
thing here and another thing over
there.

The union workingman who al-
lows himself to be bound hand
and foot, body and soul, by party
ties, is a fool. If his party does
the right thing by labor, stand
by it; if it does not, for God's
sake and your own sake get out
of it.

There is to be an election in
Lincoln this spring. Lincoln is
an overwhelmingly republican
city, therefore a republican ad-
ministration is practically assur-
ed. The thing to do now is for
laboring men to capture the re-
publican primaries, nominate
known friends of organized labor
for the various offices, and then
get out and make a fight for them.
If the republicans refuse to nom-
inate friends of organized labor—
real friends, not the mouthy
article—then let the union men
turn to the democrats. If neither
party does the right thing, then
let us put a man of our own in
the field. But above all things,
don't swallow any old kind of a
ticket just because it happens to
bear the name of "party." If the
party does the right thing, heed to
your own party, or twice
as much.

ditch. That's the way to make
your influence felt.

Another thing—don't waste
time in trying to "bump" your
enemies. Put in your time try-
ing to "boost" your friends. Look
around among the councilmanic
candidates in your ward, and pick
out a man whom you know to be
friendly to the cause of organized
labor and who is not tied hand
and foot by an unscrupulous ma-
chine. Have a little talk with
him, and if everything is all right,
take off your coat and go to
boosting.

But get into the city campaign
right now, not as republicans and
democrats, but as workingmen
thinking a lot more of your fam-
ilies than you do of a lot of cheap
pothouse politicians, and having
more regard for the trade that
gives you bread and butter than
you have for the welfare of a po-
litical organization managed by a
lot of schemers who toil not,
neither do they spin, yet beat the
lily a block in the matter of fine
raiment.

Don't be a political clam any
longer!

Don't Play Horse.

The Wageworker would advise
the business men of Lincoln not
to play horse on this traction mat-
ter. This talk about another
street railway is neither timely
nor wise. Time and effort spent
on that sort of a project is time
and effort taken away from the
task of making the Lincoln Traction
company to tote fair. Scud-
der doubtless would be willing to
pay a little something towards
keeping alive the talk of build-
ing another street railway. At
any rate he could well afford to
do it.

What Lincoln's business men
should do is to get together and
adopt working plans for making
the Lincoln Traction company
pay its taxes, improve its service,
extend its rails into new sections
of the city and play fair with the
citizens who patronize it. One
street railway is enough if it is
properly managed and gives the
right kind of service. If it is not
properly managed and does not
give the right kind of service,
there is a remedy at hand. The
franchise can not be held unless
its provisions are lived up to.
Life can be made so miserable
for the managers of the company
that they will gladly sue for peace.
It is time to quit petting the Lin-
coln Traction company with pa-
per pellets and get to work ham-
mering it over the head with a
club.

The Wageworker dearly loves
to have its editorials and special
articles copied by the labor press,
and it is gratified to see it done
so often. But there is altogether
too much "scabbing" in the mat-
ter of giving credit. There are
two or three chronic offenders in
this line, and The Wageworker
has 'em spotted. We don't so
much mind having some paper
swipe an article and fail to give
credit, but it does make us hot
to have another paper print it
and give credit to the paper that
stole it in the first place.

Lincoln contractors who do not
give the preference to union car-
penters not only violate their con-
tract with the carpenters but in-
jure themselves. Under the terms
of the contract union carpenters
are not allowed to do individual
contracting. The non-union men
are not so bound, and when work
is slack they get out and contract
for small jobs, thus injuring the
contractors. Why do the con-
tractors remain blind to their own
interests?

The journal conveys the good
news that two new street cars are
on their way to Lincoln, and that
six more have been ordered and
are under construction. Two new
cars in four years—that is at the
rate of half a car a year. Good
heavens! That means that we'll
have some of those old remodeled
hoss cars with us in 1928!

A new rail is to be used on the
street railway track between
Tenth and Twenty-first streets,
on O. This is in response to a
demand for better service, and
President Scudder is to be con-
gratulated on his evident willing-
ness to do the right thing by
the people of Lincoln.

Don't forget the oyster supper
and dance to be given by the Cen-
tral Labor Union January 21.
Come up and have a good time.
Non-union men especially in-
vited.

The Vermont Signal recently
contained a splendid editorial on
Governor Douglas. It was so

good that the Piano Worker's
Journal reproduced it with full
credit to the Signal. We know
it was a good editorial because
it appeared originally in The
Wageworker.

Governor Douglas was inaugu-
rated on January 5, and in his
address urged the enactment of
a law prohibiting overtime work
in mills and factories. As Gov-
ernor Douglas is one of the larg-
est manufacturers in Massa-
chusetts there can be no ground
for the assertion that he is "try-
ing to demoralize business."

The state printing board re-
appointed Lew Frazer, a non-union
printer, despite petitions from
union men asking the appoint-
ment of a union printer. Two
of the three members of the state
printing board will be candidates
for re-election in two years from
now.

The "open shop" is at its best
in China, and the average wage
in Canton, Pekin and Hangchow
is less than 4 cents a day. Ameri-
can money. How would Lincoln
business men like to do business
with employes who can earn \$1.12
a month?

Frank G. Odell is a candidate
for the republican councilmanic
nomination in the Seventh ward.
His platform is referred to else-
where and should be carefully
considered by all workingmen.

The higher the wages and
shorter the hours, the more busi-
ness the retail merchants of a
city will do. The retail merchant
who opposes labor unions is
guilty of business suicide.

If President Scudder thinks
that two new street cars will quiet
the clamor for better service he
would better eat another gob of
Boston baked beans and get an-
other think.

Read what Governor Douglas
had to say on labor legislation
in his inaugural address. It
sounds good because it comes
from a "square" man.

Are you patronizing the Wage-
worker's advertisers and thus
helping to make its work effec-
tive?

If it does not bear the label
you are "scabbing" on your broth-
er unionists when you use it.

If it is delivered by a non-union
teamster, refuse to receipt for it.

Don't be a political sucker.

A SQUARE MAN.

**This Kind of a Platform Suits
This Family Newspaper.**

Frank Odell one of the best
known contractors in the city has
announced himself a candidate for
the republican nomination for
councilman from the Seventh
ward. The Wageworker doesn't
care a snap of its fingers for Mr.
Odell's political affiliations, be-
cause all politicians look alike to
this newspaper. But the Wage-
worker does care a whole lot
about some of the principles for
which Mr. Odell stands, because
they are the principles which
this newspaper strenuously advo-
cates.

Mr. Odell has submitted his
platform on which he proposes
to make the race for the nomi-
nation, and the Wageworker
knows him well enough to place
implicit confidence in his honor.
He says that Lincoln needs the
following things, and he will
stand for them and use his best
efforts to secure them:

Clean streets, modern street
cars and lower fares, employ-
ment of organized labor on pub-
lic work, a public park commis-
sion to serve without pay, com-
plete municipal control of side-
walks, uniform taxation for in-
dividuals and corporations, and
strict enforcement of the excise
regulations.

That's a good enough platform,
and should be heartily endorsed
not only by organized labor but
by all who have the best inter-
ests of the city at heart.

Who is Frank Odell? He is a
contractor. He employs union
men in preference to any others.
During the past six years he has
paid out over \$50,000 to unionists
in Lincoln, and in his business ca-
reer has paid out in wages to
labor more than any other man
who has ever ran for office in the
Seventh ward. He is a property
holder and a taxpayer. His rec-
ord is unblemished. His word is
good. He is not a politician, and
he is not seeking the office be-
cause he wants the office. He
is seeking the office because if
elected he can be of service to

hundreds of people in his ward.
The Seventh ward needs gas,
electric lights, water mains, sew-
ers, sidewalks and a lot of things
it has not yet got and which it
is not likely to get unless the peo-
ple go after them.

Frank G. Odell has studied law
at the Nebraska state university,
and this legal education would
stand him in good stead as a city
councilman. He has lived in the
Seventh ward for years and
knows its needs. He has lived
in Lincoln long enough to see it
grow from a country town to a
modern city. He is a friend of
organized labor and always pays
the highest rate of wages. He
is not backed by any corporation,
clique or machine.

The Wageworker is much more
interested in getting union labor's
friends into the city council than
it is to get politicians into that
body. The Wageworker doesn't
care a snap of a finger for a coun-
cilman's politics, just so he is a
"square" man. It believes Mr.
Odell is square, and it has no hesi-
tancy in recommending him to
the voters of the Seventh ward.
So far he is the only candidate
in any ward who has boldly an-
nounced himself as a friend of
organized labor and who stands
for organized labor being employ-
ed on all public work. That is the
thing that is of paramount inter-
est to the union men of the
city—or if it is not it ought to be.

The Wageworker will await
with interest the decision of the
voters of the Seventh ward.

Read Fred Schmidt & Bro.'s ad.

FOURTH ANNIVERSARY

Commoner Force Entertained at
Home of Mr. and Mrs. Waite.

Last Thursday evening the
fourth anniversary of the estab-
lishment of the Commoner was
celebrated at the home of Mr.
George Waite, superintendent of
the Commoner office. A year ago
the anniversary was celebrated at
the home of C. W. Bryan, the
year before that at Fairview and
the first anniversary was held in
the office. This year the celeb-
ration was held a week ahead
of the real date for the purpose
of permitting Mr. W. J. Bryan
to be present.

The forty odd employes of the
Commoner assembled at Mr.
Waite's and were royally enter-
tained by him and his good wife.
Various games were indulged in
and members of the force furnish-
er musical and literary numbers.
Mr. Waite severs his connection
with the Commoner on February
1, because of failing health, and
will take up his residence on a
ranch near Elm Creek, Neb. As
a token of their good will and
friendship the office force made
him a present of an elegant Mor-
ris chair, which Mr. Waite ac-
cepted in a neat though some-
what broken speech. The Com-
moner anniversaries and annual
picnics are looked forward to with
keen interest and have become
features in the life of all who are
on the Commoner pay roll.

A SPLENDID AD

**Fred Schmidt & Bro. Offering
Great Bargains.**

On page 8 of this issue will be found
an advertisement of the great sale now
on at the big store of Fred Schmidt &
Bro. Wageworker readers will find
in this popular store everything just
as represented in its publisher an-
nouncements. Fred Schmidt & Bro.
have been liberal advertisers in the
Wageworker, and because of this, as
well as because the firm is up-to-date
and reliable, they are entitled to the
patronage of union men and women.

In the advertisement referred to
will be found many and varied bar-
gains in all departments, and wise
shoppers will do well to study it care-
fully and then take full advantage of
the opportunity.



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