

THE PAINTERS.

Open shop signs have been posted in various shops of Omaha.

Weather conditions have been such that business is practically at a standstill in Lincoln, but the painters are looking forward to a good season as soon as spring opens.

The "smoker" held a month or so ago was such a success despite the cold weather that the Lincoln local is planning on another one just as soon as the mercury gets high enough in the tube to be seen.

The proposition to hold a national convention has been defeated by an overwhelming majority. The vote stood 6,770 for and 12,178 against. It has been four years since the Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers held a national convention.

THE CARPENTERS.

Cleveland, O., carpenters are agitating for the Saturday half-day.

A. A. Callahan of the local union has been laid up for some time as a result of a hard fall on an icy pavement.

The local Carpenters' Union enjoys the distinction of being the largest trades union body in Lincoln. It now has upwards of 200 active members on the rolls.

Rochester, N. Y., carpenters have asked for an instance of 5 cents an hour over the present scale of 35 cents, and it is understood that the request will be granted.

A number of carpenters at Pittston, Pa., who have been on strike since last April, have formed a co-operative association and will take contracts for building, as the big contractors who formerly employed them did.

The Carpenters' District Council of Albany, Troy, Schenectady and Cohoes has adopted the new constitution and by-laws which in the future will govern all union carpenters within a radius of 50 miles from Albany.

The Philadelphia Trades Union News says: "The General Convention of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters, at Milwaukee, Wis., last September, voted an appropriation of \$10,000 to assist in organizing the trade in this city. An active Committee of Organization is at work, backed up by the nineteen unions of the Brotherhood in Philadelphia. The city has been divided into groups of two or three wards adjacent to each other, and through the agency of the Assessor's lists, the carpenters in those wards are notified to attend public meetings. W. D. MacFarlane, of Buffalo, N. Y., General Organizer, is here and in charge of the work. James Ryan and Charles Carroll, of this city, are his local assistants. Meetings have been held at Broad and Federal streets and in German town with gratifying success and an increase in membership. Last week a largely attended meeting was held at Twentieth street and Columbia avenue, and on Monday night of this week the turnout of over 500 carpenters in Odd Fellows' Temple aroused great enthusiasm. The speakers at these meetings were W. D. MacFarlane, W. Mercer, of the Amalgamated Carpenters; P. J. McGuire, of Philadelphia, and Local Organizers James Ryan and Charles Carroll. The depressing effect at the last strike of May, 1903, has been pretty well overcome and the men are rapidly lining up to secure a wage scale the coming season and better conditions generally. There will be a number of public meetings at stated intervals during the next two months."

THE PRINTERS.

H. W. McQuitty is now foreman at the Independent office.

Work is reported unusually good and the "subs" are eating with gratifying regularity.

No, The Wageworker doesn't know what the executive committee has done. Do you?

The printers of Lead, S. D., are on strike for shorter hours and an increase in the scale.

A half-dozen or more printers are figuring on building homes of their own in the spring.

The February regular meeting was the largest in point of attendance for many a month. Wonder why?

The Woodruff-Collins shop has secured the contract for printing Volume 4 of "The Commoner Condensed."

The Typographical Journal reports each month a gratifying number of locals that have secured the eight-hour day without trouble.

Candidates for delegate to the Toronto convention are beginning to bob up and the chances for a merry campaign are becoming numerous. At this time it looks like there would be a dozen or more anxious "To-ron-to" the convention. (Joke.)

T. W. Dunn has resigned the foremanship of the Independent and is now a machine apprentice on the Journal. Billy Wright is working in the Star ad alley.

Philadelphia Union No. 2 is having a round up with the executive council over financing the Philadelphia situation. Washington and New York have unanimously upheld No. 2.

The printers will not boycott the cigar stores handling the "Henry George" and "George W. Childs" cigars. They will merely refuse to patronize such cigar stores, that's all.

The first delegation of workmen received by the czar of Russia after the recent riots in St. Petersburg was made up of printers employed in the state printing works. You can't head 'em off.

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THE CIGARMAKERS.

St. Paul cigarmakers spent \$1,200 in label agitation last year.

Local cigarmakers are feeling the effects of the Commercial club's agitation in favor of home industries, and also profiting by the growing demand for the union label. Work is good.

The cigarmakers were the pioneer unionists in the eight-hour movement. They established the eight-hour day on May 1, 1886. The cigarmakers, too, have been the pioneers in several other matters of vital interest to organized labor.

A report from Washington states that it has been decided by the internal revenue authorities that the union label of the cigarmakers can be placed on cigar boxes in any place or manner, just so they do not encroach on or cover the internal revenue stamp or factory brand of caution required by law. The decision is a victory for the cigarmakers, as the tobacco trust had tried to prevent the labels being used on boxes of union-made cigars.

As soon as warm weather comes the local cigarmakers will renew their billboard and newspaper advertising in favor of the label. They have set a good example for other unions to follow, and can show that it has been profitable.

THE TAILORS.

The Tailors added 1,600 to their national membership during 1904.

Delegate Schulte has returned from Bloomington, Ill., where he represented the local body at the national convention. He reports a splendid convention and an interesting time.

The attempt to secure from the national convention an endorsement of the socialist propaganda was unsuccessful. John B. Lennon, secretary of the national body, led the fight against the measure and won a great victory.

TIPS TO TOILERS.

Unionism insures protection from actual destitution and want.

The contractor who enters the non-union gate leaves profit behind.

For every man in the labor movement who is willing to lift you will find a dozen willing to stand by and grunt.

Monopoly cries "Starve, freeze and die, or pay blackmail for use of nature's bounties. Stand, deliver, or get off the earth."

Just one wrong step which a thoughtless brother took while in the heat of passion has been the ruin of many a once flourishing union.

In the election of officers in your union did you vote for the most competent man for the position in preference to the "good fellow"?

Man never fastened one end of a chain around the neck of his brother that God did not fasten the other end around the neck of the oppressor.

If every union would disband and every individual start independently, we would guarantee that in one year's time that wages would fall 50 per cent.

If a man has not enough unionism in him to take his labor paper, he is made of poor stuff. His pants may be union, but the fellow that fills them has something lacking in his makeup.

We should not be content with less than the best, and the best can only be obtained by the practice of such virtues as are taught in lessons founded on the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man.

—Baltimore Labor Leader.

THAT SILVER SERVICE.

The Star Undertakes to Raise the Money by Popular Subscription.

The legislature having refused to appropriate \$5,000 for the purchase of a silver service for the battleship Nebraska, the Lincoln Daily Star has undertaken to raise the sum by popular subscription. We opine that the Star will succeed, for that paper has established the habit of winning out.

But The Wageworker will not be represented on the subscription list for the purchase of a silver service. The officers who would use the plate are well enough paid to furnish their own glad fixings if Uncle Sam refuses. But the stokers in the engine rooms, the men behind the guns, the powder monkeys, the able seamen, the marines—the men who do the hard work—what of them? A silver service would be of about as much use to them as three tails would be to a bulldog. This silver service to business is a fad. Nebraska ought to think up something different; something that would include the men as well as the gold-bespangled officers.

IN PORTO RICO.

A New Magazine Will Boost the Union Label in the Island.

The Porto Rico Workingmen's Journal is the latest exchange on The Wageworker's table. It is edited by E. Sanchez Lopez and printed in English and Spanish—parallel columns. The Journal is small but full of good things, and the editor shows himself familiar with the principles of unionism. It will be of great service to the wage earners of the beautiful island and should be heartily supported by them. The Journal is published under the auspices of the American Federation of Labor and is one of the results of President Gompers' missionary work in our new possessions.

GOT HIS MONEY.

The Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance company has paid J. M. Leaden \$900 on his fire loss, which materially reduces the amount that Mr. Leaden lost. The company was very prompt in its adjustment of the claim and Mr. Leaden expresses himself as entirely satisfied with its method of doing business.

The Farwell state bank has filed an amendment to its articles of incorporation increasing its capital stock from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

Secretary Royle, of the state banking board, has authorized an increase in the capital stock of the Ewing State bank from \$5,000 to \$7,500.

The State bank of Tarnov, Neb., has been incorporated with a paid up capital of \$5,000. The incorporators are F. L. Gallagher and H. M. Little.

Rural route No. 2 of the Leigh post-office made a change in carriers. Perry Pastle, a young farmer, was appointed in place of John H. Glick, resigned.

Cass county's mortgage record for the month of January is as follows: Amount of farm mortgages filed, \$21,719; released, \$29,423. Amount of city property filed, \$6,620; released, \$2,342.

The report of Superintendent E. L. Rouse shows the enrollment of the Plattsmouth schools to be 1,147, while last year it was 1,224. The percentage of attendance, he says, is the lowest in three years.

Beemer has just finished an eighty-five foot standpipe, and in early spring will extend the water mains over the town and will then have as good a system of waterworks as any town of its size in the state.

The Farmers' and Merchants' State bank of Meadow Grove has been authorized by the state banking board. The paid up capital is \$10,000, and the organizers of the institution are W. H. Stocker, A. J. Danlevy, J. R. Saxon and J. W. Warrick.

Bernard B. Zitting died at his home in Leigh after a brief illness. Deceased was seventy years old and has been a familiar figure in Leigh and vicinity for years. He lived alone and had no companions and was scarcely seen in town unless on business.

The Burwell high school is endeavoring to establish a library that will be a credit to the town. The pupils gave an entertainment for the benefit of the library and a good program was rendered, after which a basket supper was served. The proceeds amounted to \$54.

Following is the mortgage record for Gage county for the month of January: Number of farm mortgages filed \$5, amount \$59,828; number of farm mortgages released 50, amount \$61,489; number of city mortgages filed 23, amount \$16,466; number of city mortgages released 20, amount \$10,422.

The Equala and Big Springs Telephone company has filed articles of incorporation with Secretary of State Galusha. The capital stock is \$5,000. The incorporators are: James Gray, W. J. Harris and E. D. Harrison. The South Fork Independent Telephone company of the town of Amella, Holt county, has incorporated with a capital stock of \$2,000.

In the suit for damages of Frank Colle against Thos. H. Mattus of Harvard, growing out of alleged permanent injury caused by assault December 31, claiming \$10,000, stipulations were filed in the office of the district clerk dismissing the suit. Attorneys Boslough and Moore of Harvard, representing the plaintiff, are authority for the information that the sum of \$1,000 was paid in settlement.

The home of Frank Flakus, five miles west of Columbus, was totally destroyed by fire. The origin is supposed to have been a defective flue. The family barely had time to make their escape with only a small portion of their personal effects. The house was valued at about \$2,000 and was only partially insured. The family had to make their way nearly a mile to a neighbors through a blizzard.

When a man has one and sounds the final "C" in valet he seems to think he isn't getting his money's worth.

WILLIE IN DEEP WATER.

Depth Suitable for Bride Was Too Much for Hubby.

When Miss Ellen Jones and Mr. William Smith were married the neighbors remarked:

"The couple certainly represents the long and short of Jones and Smith."

He was the shortest member of a family noted for their dwarfish stature, while his bride was the tallest one of a numerous household of almost gigantic height.

They joined the Baptist church soon after their marriage, and were candidates for baptism at the same time. In that rural district baptistries were unknown, a lake near the church serving the same purpose.

The minister, like Mrs. Smith, was of unusual height, and as the three walked out into the water he seemed to forget the short member and sought a depth suitable for baptizing the lady.

When they were some distance from the shore there arose sounds of suppressed mirth from the spectators. When the minister stopped and turned around the cause of the unseemly hilarity was evident. Little Willie had passed his depth and was quietly swimming behind them.

The parson, being a man of expedition, turned to the swimming candidate, and after repeating the baptismal formula ducked his head, that being the only part of his body out of the water.

Mr. Smith swam back to land, while the minister proceeded with the more difficult task of baptizing his gigantic bride.—Lippincott's Magazine.

THE HARMONIES OF HOME.

A Matter of Blended Chords, and Even Discords.

It has been said that "the two essentials of a perfect home are freedom and sympathy." In considering this, the two may seem as irreconcilable as free will and predestination. If each member of the home circle is free to fly off at his or her particular tangent, where is the binding and untiring sympathy to come in? Doubtless it is a hard saying, like any other counsel of perfection.

Yet that the truest home must combine the largest liberty and the closest love is certain, and also that the omission of either destroys the heart of home life.

A good home-maker needs to seek both these essentials with all her power. Many women skilled in house-keeping, full of tender love to husband and children, are yet imperious and exacting through their very love. Freedom is to them a departure from what they consider harmony.

But harmony is not a matter of one note—it is the science of blended chords and even discords into the desired theme. Sometimes it is necessary for the wife and mother herself to play second fiddle, so to speak, in the orchestra, or to let another member develop a motive all by himself or herself—just as necessary as to understand the other parts, and sustain them when the music requires it. For lack of perception of this, many homes, full of love, are also full of discord, till the household ceases to expect anything else and accepts family jars as an inevitable part of family life.—Montreal Herald.

New Uses for Electricity.

It is a French engineer who seriously announces his invention of a suit of electric clothing, with fine wire woven in the goods and a storage battery. By means of this invention he affirms that the body can be kept at a comfortable temperature in the coldest weather. There is no apparent reason why we should stop with this. Little if any more current would be needed to produce a light such as persons on the vaudeville stage display. Thus every pedestrian at night would become a walking lamppost, with electric force enough to shock an inebriate who might wish to cling to him. It would be practicable, too, for an American inventor to connect the current with roller skates, thus allowing every man to be his own trolley car.

The Weather.

(With apologies to Tennyson.)
The splendors fall on topics all
And mouldy subjects, old in story;
The lightning shakes on hackneyed fakes,
And the wild chatter aet seeks new glory.
Go, weather, go; set the male tongues a-lying.
And answer, ladies, answer; trying, trying, trying.
Oh, hark! oh, hear! while men make clear
That ere to-morrow 'twill be snowing;
How sweet maids are with thoughts afar
The weather for next Tuesday showing;
Go, weather, go; set callets' tongues a-lying.
And answer, hostess, answer; trying, trying, trying.
Oh, love, that's why in von rich sky
The rain and shine will fall us never;
Their object sole is this: to roll
The ball of conversation ever;
Go, weather, go; set lovers' tongues a-lying.
And answer, maidens, answer; trying, trying, trying.
—Thomas R. Ybarra.

On a Business Basis.

Bliss Carman once, called at the office of a country editor up the state with a poem which he thought would be of interest to the readers of the local paper. After exchanging greetings he said:

"You don't object to an old contributor dropping into poetry, do you?"

"Not at all," replied the molder of public opinion, pushing the waste basket toward the poet; "drop ahead, and go as far as you like."

Mr. Carman was nonplused, but the editor added still further to his embarrassment by saying earnestly:

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