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BUILD THE LABOR TEMPLE.

If words were bricks there would be enough material on hand in Lincoln to build a labor temple twenty-seven stories high. But words are not bricks—and Lincoln has no labor temple.

Stop the average union man and begin talking labor temple and he'll shy like a skittish colt. It scares him. "Gosh, we can't raise money enough to build a temple," he exclaims.

That is a mistake—a foolish mistake. The idea that 2,000 men drawing fair wages can not build a labor temple that would be a credit to both unionism and the city is a sad commentary on the union spirit of the city. Thirty-five thousand dollars would buy the lot and put up a handsome and commodious building.

"Great Scott! Thirty-five thousand dollars! We could never do it," gasps the timid union man.

Come out of it! Nobody said that the union men would have to put up that much money. Put one-third of it at the disposal of the right sort of a committee and the rest would be easy. And who dares say that the 2,000 union men of Lincoln could not raise \$10,000? That is only \$5 apiece. With a \$5,000 lot paid for and \$5,000 in the building fund, it would be child's play to raise the other \$25,000, and the rents now paid by the unions of the city for meeting rooms and socials would more than pay interest and taxes on the mortgage and building. Organize a stock company without any further loss of time. Put the shares at \$10 each, and the capital stock at \$50,000. It wouldn't be any trick at all to sell 2,000 shares of stock with the understanding that 25 per cent only was to be paid on the first call, and 25 per cent not oftener than every thirty days thereafter until the stock was paid for. The Wageworker will guarantee to place 100 shares of that stock within twenty-four hours after the company is incorporated and the subscription paper started out.

Quit calling the temple project a "pipe dream" and get down to business. Money invested in a labor temple will be a good investment. There are business men who would take stock for two reasons—one because of the investment and another because of the patronage it would tend to secure. The unions of Lincoln are paying not less than \$1,500 a year rent, and that is 5 per cent interest on \$30,000. And properly situated the temple would produce revenue from other sources.

If a dozen wide awake and responsible union men will get together and incorporate a "Labor Temple Company" the thing will be started. What is the matter with calling a mass meeting during the present month and getting the thing started? What better way to celebrate the next Labor Day than by breaking ground for the erection of a labor temple in Lincoln? It can be done without any great effort, and it should be done. We spent enough on a useless parade last Labor day to pay 25 per cent on the best building lot in the city.

Come, brethren, let's get a move on us and show the public that we can do something more than talk!

THE TROUBLE IN CHICAGO.

The mere fact that a union man is out on strike is not a guarantee that he is deserving of sympathy. The sooner we get it out of our heads that a union man deserves sympathy under any and all circumstances the better it will be for the cause of unionism. The strike of the Teamsters in Chicago seems to have been one of those ill-advised and uncalled for strikes that do so much injury to the cause of union labor. The sympathetic strike is usually a foolish strike, although sometimes it is all right. The union teamsters of Chicago seem to have acted hastily in the matter of calling out on strike, first, because in striking they violated their contract, and, second, because the strike could in no wise benefit the garment workers, sympathy for whom seem to have been the incentive.

Let no one, however, be deceived by the newspaper stories about riots and assaults. Doubtless there are some disturbances, but the Chicago newspapers with perhaps two exceptions are notorious opponents of unionism and a jeer from a crowd of strikers when a gang of non-unionists passes by is basis enough for a two-column cock and bull story about a "fearful riot" and "murderous assaults." The editor of The Wageworker was in Chicago during the American Railway Union strike and knows about as much about conditions there during that time as any one man can know, and he is willing to make affidavit that all the rioting and disorder of two weeks of that trouble would not be reasonable grounds for the average daily "blood-and-thunder" story told by the Chicago press.

Doubtless the striking teamsters are making trouble, but it is dollars to doughnuts that they are not guilty of 1 per cent of the rioting and disorder charged to them by the daily press. It is easily to be seen that the employers are doing all they can to entice the strikers to rioting in order that public opinion may be formed in favor of the employers. That is a favorite game with the Parryites, and the easy going and usually thoughtless American public is too often deceived. It was woefully deceived during the American Railway Union strike, and also during the Colorado strike. Having control of most of the daily press the corporation managers have no trouble in getting their "pipe stories" about rioting and bomb throwing into the daily papers. One day last week the daily newspapers of Chicago came out with flaming headlines announcing the discovery of a dynamite bomb in the alley back of the Montgomery Ward building. The same story was repeated in the daily press throughout the nation, and in newspaper parlance was "played up big" by the telegraph editors. The story of the discovery was told with a wealth of detail and circumstance, and the police were reported as being right on the heels of the desperadoes who had planted the bomb. It took about a column and a half to tell that story. The next day's papers contained a little five or six line item chucked away in an out-of-the-way place and explaining that the alleged bomb was merely a six-inch

bit of gas pipe that had been probably kicked around in the alley for months. And yet 75 per cent of the readers who swallowed the first story, hook, bob and sinker, never say the real statement of fact and are damning the anarchistic labor unions from Dan to Beer-Sheba.

Labor unions should be held responsible for all that they do, but in all fairness it is not right that they should be held responsible for the wild-eyed scribbles of the cheap reportorial skates who work for the Chicago City Press association, which furnishes most of the local news to the Chicago dailies. If the Teamsters now on strike in Chicago were guilty of one-third of the acts charged against them by the Chicago press the whole city would be up in arms and hunting them down like snakes. The fact is that the teamsters are not coming anywhere near doing all the rioting charged against them. If they are doing any at all they are doing wrong, and it will react on them and on unionism in general.

THE CORPORATIONS ARE ACTIVE.

The corporations are setting the pins to secure the appointment of a corporation lawyer to the place made vacant by the death of United States Circuit Judge Thayer. Charley Greene of Omaha is the man most prominently mentioned. Mr. Greene is a good lawyer and personally a very fine fellow, but his every instinct and habit is to stand in with the corporations. He has been a railroad attorney since the date of his admission to the bar, and his legal experience has been devoted to securing for the railroads everything he could.

How comes it that whenever there is a federal judge to appoint the lawyer of known sympathy for the people and anti-corporation views is never mentioned for the place, while the corporation attorney is always boosted? Is it any wonder that the corporations can get any old kind of injunction they please from federal judges? The corporation influence secures the judge his place; his advisors are all corporation men, his training has been along corporation lines—and what more natural than that the judge should give the corporations all the best of it?

But the people are to blame. They have permitted the system to grow, and even now they make no effort to uproot it, although they stand around and denounce it. An appointive judiciary is a menace that should be removed.

Our colored friends, who often, and sometimes justly, complain because they are discriminated against by trades unions, might find a reason for it by investigating conditions. During the Spring Valley coal strikes in Illinois the mine workers imported hundreds of negroes to take the places of the strikers. Now the Chicago employers are importing negroes to take the places of union teamsters.

If you get hold of the Parryite paper called American Industries be sure and read more than the headlines. In the issue that lies before us there is a headline, "Lost Most of Their Massachusetts Strikes." Then the story goes on to tell that out of 198 strikes only fifty-eight failed to the extent of the places of the strikers being filled.

Judge Kohlsaat the federal judge who is granting all kinds of injunctions against union men, was appointed in the face of charges reflecting upon his honesty and ability. And the charges were made by responsible men. But he had corporation backing.

Two dollars and a half from each union man living in Lincoln would buy the lot and pay for the excavation, preparatory to building a labor temple. And that would be enough to insure the temple's completion.

Hiring thugs and desperadoes to commit assaults and then blaming the trouble on union men is a favorite game of the Parryites. It is being worked to a frazzle in Chicago, just as it was worked in Colorado.

If every union man and woman in the country would insist on having the label on everything for one year, the Parryites would be down and out for good. Try it.

Speaking of the sacredness of contracts, is it not true that employers have broken more contracts than employees ever have?

If the express companies are entitled to federal protection are they not also amenable to federal control?

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WOMAN'S UNION LABEL LEAGUE.

Will Meet in Regular Session Monday Evening and Transact Some Important Business.

The Woman's Union Label League will meet in regular session at Central Labor Union hall Monday evening. Owing to the inclement weather on the night of the last regular meeting date no business was transacted, a quorum not being present, therefore the meeting Monday night will have the accumulated business of four weeks to transact.

The League is not getting the support it deserves from the unionists of the city, and this should be rectified at once. The League is doing a splendid work in the cause of unionism, and union men should show their appreciation more than they have been doing.

CENTRAL LABOR UNION TUESDAY.

The Delegates from the Ministerial Union Will Be Present for the First Time.

The meeting of the Central Labor Union next Tuesday evening should be unusually well attended, for there will be something doing. The Ministerial Union has met the Central Labor Union half way, and will have its delegates on the spot Tuesday evening. Doubtless the ministerial delegates will have something to say that will be of interest.

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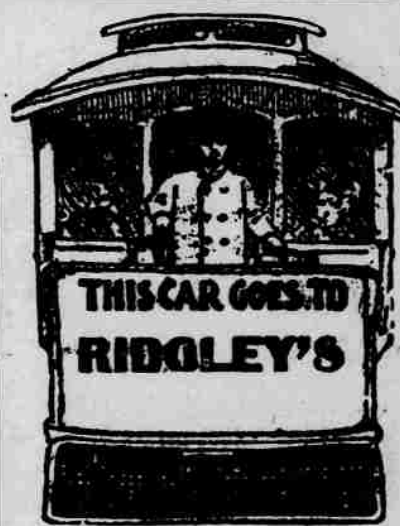
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