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## The Armstrong Clothing Co.

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### ENGINEERS' AUXILIARY.

Permanently Organized and Great Enthusiasm Manifested by Members.

Grand International Auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers No. 359, "Pride Division No. 98," was formally organized in Lincoln last Thursday, thirty-three members signing the charter and being initiated into the organization.

The Auxiliary was formally installed by Mrs. Addison, secretary of the Kansas City Auxiliary, who was deputized for the work by the international president. She was assisted in the work by Mrs. Hufibut, president of the Kansas City organization.

The Auxiliary work was done at A. O. U. W. hall, which was handsomely decorated for the occasion, purple being the prevailing color, with red, white and blue bunting and white and pink carnations. The women entered into the spirit of the occasion with great enthusiasm, and the entire day was spent in giving the Auxiliary a launching worthy of its objects and aims. The following officers were elected:

President, Mrs. Fannie McCoy.  
Vice President, Mrs. Mary L. White.  
Secretary, Mrs. Nettie McLennan.  
Insurance Secretary, Mrs. Mary Peters.

Treasurer, Mrs. Maud Johnson.  
Guide, Mrs. Ethel Parker.  
Sentinel, Mrs. Emma Graves.

A goodly portion of the afternoon was spent in drilling and perfecting the secret work. In the evening a banquet was served in honor of the new organization, and engineers of the city and their wives, regardless of brotherhood affiliations, were invited. The attendance was very large, and the evening was delightfully spent. There was no formal program, but several short talks were made, and those who enjoyed the dance were given opportunity.

The Auxiliary starts off with every prospect of success, and it promises to be a great factor in the social life of the engineers and their wives. The engineers are to be congratulated on the organization, for experience has taught other men the benefits arising from the loyal efforts of women organized as this auxiliary has been organized. "Pride of No. 98" will meet every two weeks, and The Wage-worker hopes to be able to chronicle many news notes concerning its works.

### GENERAL MENTION.

Brief Items of Interest Gathered From Home and Abroad.

For union made shoes go to Rogers & Perkins.

Rogers & Perkins carry a full line of union made shoes.

Work in every line of mechanical industry in Lincoln is exceptionally good.

The Lincoln Clothing company has a new advertisement in this issue. It will pay you to read it.

All flour made by the Washburn-Crosby Milling company is still on the "we do not patronize" list.

The Teamsters' Union of Boston have appropriated goodly sums to aid their striking brethren in Chicago.

It is reported that at the last meeting the Plumbers' Union in this city all shops were declared "open jobs."

Lincoln railroad men are preparing for a great Fourth of July picnic at Seward. It will be a hummer with horns.

The seventh biennial convention of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen was in session at Buffalo, N. Y., last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Moore, who have been in the hospital with typhoid fever for some time, are reported very much improved.

See the advertisement of Kohn Bros., union made clothing in this issue. The firm and the goods are "on the square."

Printers' memorial service will be held at the First Congregational church next Sunday morning. See program elsewhere.

Colonel Frank Eager, formerly proprietor of the Nebraska Independent, is about to begin the publication of a monthly farm magazine.

Linotype operators have been in big demand in Lincoln for the past two months. The operators are complaining of being overworked.

The Order of Railway Conductors met in annual convention at Portland, Ore., last week. E. E. Clark was re-elected grand chief conductor.

There will be a special meeting of the Woman's Union Label League next Monday evening at Central Labor Union hall. Every member is urgently requested to be present.

The American Federation of Musicians held their annual convention in Detroit, Mich., last week. There were 220 delegates present, representing 406 locals having a membership of 22,000.

The Brotherhood of Railway Clerks met in annual session at Kansas City last week. The most important work was the revision of the constitution so as to make it an international body, Mexico and Canada being admitted to representation.

"Billy" Bustard left last Sunday morning for Chicago and other eastern points, taking his Typographical Union traveling card with him. He expects to see some of the country before returning to Lincoln—as he eventually will.

Mr. Frederick Berge, recently of Kansas City, has become business manager of the Independent, succeeding Albert Watkins, Jr. Mr. Watkins assumed the business management temporarily, and has returned to the Farm Patriot, which he is making one

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## A PART PAYMENT PLAN

that may be adjusted to suit the convenience of each individual customer. Our Credit Plan is such a plan as high class stores may be proud of and such a plan as appeals to the thinking people. It is a most just and honorable plan. Most liberal, too. We make our arrangements to suit your convenience instead of asking you to comply with cast iron rules such as confront you at most credit stores. At Ridgley's you make your selections and then we listen while you make the arrangements—while you state what will suit your convenience and what will be required of us. This innovation has made Ridgley's the most popular credit institution in the country. We always have had the utmost confidence in the wage-earner and our confidence has not been misplaced. \* \* \*

## Ridgley Credit Clothing Co.

1406 O Street, Lincoln, Neb.

### THE TEAMSTERS.

Appoint a Committee to Secure a Conference with Employers on the Matter of a New Scale.

The Teamsters have not lost hope of securing a conference with the local employers, and at Monday night's meeting appointed a committee to take charge of the matter. This committee will work during the coming week and hopes to be ready to report at the meeting next Monday night.

The employers are wise in their day and generation. They are aware of the fact that the Teamsters' Union is up against a deep-seated indifference on the part of teamsters towards their own organization and interests. A majority of the men engaged in teaming seem to be satisfied with any condition of things. Many of the organized men are so indifferent that they have allowed themselves to fall into arrears for dues. As a result the local union instead of being strong and active is handicapped by the indifference of men who would benefit most by a live organization. The employers are aware of this condition and are taking advantage of it.

There are a number of teamsters, however, who are earnest and active, and they are doing double duty in their efforts to better existing conditions. They should have the support, moral and financial, of not only every man engaged in teaming, but of every thorough union man in the city.

### THE PAINTERS ARE BUSY.

When Not Working They Are Securing New Recruits for the Union and Strengthening Their Lines.

The local painters, paperhangers and decorators are feeling good these days. Work was never better, and there is a strong demand for good men. New members are being taken in at every meeting, and interest in the work of organization is growing. The fair firms are swamped with work, but the men are hustling to beat the band and manage to keep up with all orders. The unfair firms find no difficulty in attending to all orders, the chief difficulty being in satisfying the patrons with the work done.

Conditions are so favorable that the union painters and paperhangers are not making a strong effort to bring the unfair firms to time—the unfair firms themselves doing the best work in that direction. One unfair firm is advertising extensively in the daily papers and claiming to have the most expert workmen. These "experts" were imported from the smaller country towns and have not been urged to join the union for the reason that their skill is not such as would add anything to the average of the union men.

### CIGARMAKERS ARE HUSTLING.

Open Up Their Spring Advertising and Expect to Make Things Hum in the Future.

The local Cigarmakers' Union has decided to renew its advertising campaign, and to that end has ordered a line of illuminated signs which will be placed in conspicuous places around the city. These signs are the most artistic yet brought out by the union and will attract a great deal of attention.

During the past eighteen months the local union has expended several hundred dollars in advertising the "blue label." If the manufacturers themselves would get into the advertising game there is every reason to believe that the volume of business would be more than doubled inside of three months. The employees are doing vast more to advertise Lincoln made cigars than the manufacturers are.

of the greatest agricultural journals in the country.

During the past twelve months the Lincoln postoffice handled 1 per cent of all the second class mail matter handled in the United States, and now stands seventeenth in the list of second class mail postoffices. This is a magnificent record.

The Lincoln Overall and Shirt company will build a new factory. The manager, L. O. Jones, did not succeed in securing much of a bonus from Lincoln citizens, so it is probable that future employees will have to stand a large share of the expense of building.

### SOMEWHAT PERSONAL.

Being a Blushing Bow and Likewise a Few Well Chosen Words.

Two or three weeks ago The Wage-worker, referring to the congressional situation, asked, "Why, wouldn't a good union man in congress from the

the First District look good?" or words to that effect. Brer Huckins of the Lincoln Herald quoted the paragraph and immediately nominated the editor of The Wage-worker for congress.

This is really very kind of Brer Huckins, and the editor of The Wage-worker appreciates the compliment, and also the very kind and flattering words spoken concerning himself and this humble little labor newspaper. But Mr. Maupin is not a candidate for anything, much less a candidate for congress. He has neither the time, the money nor the inclination to make a race for congress—or anything else political. He would rather boost some other union man—and there are many better and abler union men in the First district than the editor of The Wage-worker—than to try to boost himself. If the democrats nominate a lawyer like Judge Holmes The Wage-worker will forget that there is a congressional campaign. If the democrats, however, nominate a good union

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Indianapolis, Ind., tickets sold June 19, 20, 21, 22.  
Asbury Park, N. J., tickets sold June 28, 29, 30, July 1.  
Baltimore, Md., tickets sold July 1, 2, 3.  
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HARRY E. MOORES,

G. A. P. D., Wabash Railway,  
OMAHA, NEB.

man whose sympathies are with workmen because he is of and for them. The Wage-worker will support him—not because he is a democrat, but because he is a union workingman. The Wage-worker does not know one political party from another. They all look alike, and usually act alike.

But the Herald's complimentary references to this paper and its editor are thoroughly appreciated, just the same.

### ITEMS FROM CARPENTERS UNION

Eight candidate initiated last Tuesday and a number of applications pending.

Brother Elsler, who fell and broke his arm while working on his own house at Eleventh and A, is now able to use the injured limb a little, but the indications are that the arm will always be weak.

Brother S. J. Kent submitted his resignation to take effect June 1.

Two clearances were received last week, one being from Muscovy, Ind., Ter., and the other from Portland, Oregon.

The lockout declared some eight months ago by the Building Trades employers of New York City against the United Brotherhood of Carpenters has been declared off, the employers signing a closed shop contract. The local unions organized by the employers are granted charters by the United Brotherhood.

Members are invited to give their views in our Journal, concerning the advisability of building a sanatorium at Boulder, Colo., for the treatment of union carpenters, suffering from tuberculosis.

If you want to see a sample of "scab Jerry" building, see the three shanties now being built at the corner of Seventeenth and Euclid. Brother Melkel had built a pretty cottage next to the corner lot. A party from Norfolk comes along, buys the corner and says to build three shanties (that are a disgrace to the town) with the rear end of each jammed up against Brother Melkel's nice little home. It is an outrage. Of course the fellow

that is building them employs "scab" labor, works "scab" hours and shows in a pronounced way the common characteristics of a "scab" viz: An utter disregard of the rights of others. Under the sacred rights of property a man can jam a back yard fence under your parlor window and shut out every ray of sunshine. This may be legal, but a little "Dutch justice" meted out in a case like this would, in the writer's opinion, be endorsed by the people living in the vicinity of Seventeenth and Euclid.

### THE COMMONER PICNIC.

Fifth Annual Outing Held at Wabash and a Glorious Time Enjoyed.

Last Saturday the fifth annual picnic of the Commoner force was pulled off, Wabash being the scene of festivities. The force, numbering fifty-six, rode in a special coach furnished by the Commoner management and attached to the morning Missouri Pacific train, and the day was spent at Richards' park, one of the most attractive picnic grounds in this section of the state.

The chief feature of the day was a ball game, in which William J. Bryan distinguished himself by his phenomenal base running. Richard L. Metcalfe at the bat made the renowned Casey look like a two-spot, and Superintendent Ferris at Second base played like a veteran—that is to say, like a centenarian. The business office nine captured the game by a score of 87 to 78, three innings being played. One little accident marred the day's festivities for a few minutes. One young lady attempted to jump into a frail boat, and the boat protested so vigorously that the young lady had to walk ashore. The dinner under the trees was a feast of good things, with plenty to spare to eat on the way home.

Some people never give anything away except their good opinions of themselves.

The turning point in a man's life is hands and feet until he has to pay for her gloves and shoes.