

#### A BIG STORE.

#### And One That Deserves the Liberal Patronage of Union People.

Unless you have recently visited the huge store of Fred Schmidt & Bro. you can have no conception of the vast improvements that have been made therein during recent months, nor the stock carried by this firm. Some may have an idea that the big stores are further east on O street, but a visit to Fred Schmidt & Bro. will reveal the fact that one of the largest in the city as well as one of the largest in the west, is still fronting on Postoffice Square.

The two immense rooms are filled to the high ceiling with a high class stock of dry goods, shoes, ladies' furnishings, men's furnishings and groceries, and this stock has been selected with a care and an eye to the popular taste. The stock, too, is immaculately clean and kept in order by expert stock keepers whose taste in arrangement adds much to the pleasure of a visit, and the close prices are always an attraction to those who are constantly looking for good goods at prices within reach of those in moderate circumstances. During the past year Fred Schmidt & Bro. have made immense strides in popular favor. Union people especially, should visit this store, for there they will find an unusually large line of union made goods. This is especially true in the shoe and furnishing departments. They will be met with the most courteous treatment and will know from the start that they are giving their patronage to a firm that is in hearty sympathy with the purposes of unionism. The Wageworker takes great pleasure in recommending this firm to the attention of its readers.

#### CHANGE AFFILIATION.

#### Building Laborers Leave Old Organization and Join a New One.

Local Union No. 141, International Hodcarriers and Building Laborers Union of America, no longer exists. In its place appears Local 251, International Laborers Union. The action bringing about this change was taken some weeks ago, and the change itself took place at midnight May 31.

For some time local building laborers have been dissatisfied with the conduct of the International. They were paying dues without having the benefit of either protection or death benefit. The International's finances were in a bad way, and instead of being able to pay strike benefits the International was compelled to levy assessments to pay running expenses. The International Laborers' Union is not a new organization and it was founded on business principles and its growth has been remarkable. It was really the first in the field. Of late it has taken on a new growth and its usefulness promises to be very great in the union field in the future.

The local unionists in the helping industry gave the matter careful thought, and when action was taken it was practically unanimous. Local No. 251 is increasing its membership and strengthening itself all along the line, and with the change in affiliation it has taken on new life and spirits.

#### THE MINISTERIAL UNION.

#### Ministers Declare That Their Sympathies are With the Tollers.

"If workmen think that ministers are out of sympathy with them, they are mistaken," declared Rev. H. C. Swearingen before the Ministers' Association last Monday morning. "I believe that nine-tenths of the ministers today are men who have wrought with their hands; whose early training has brought them into close touch and sympathy with the tollers."

These and other expressions of interest in the wage earners were expressed after the fraternal delegates from the Central Labor Union had been asked to make a few remarks. Mr. Maupin declared it to be his belief that if the church of Christ had been doing its whole duty during the last two centuries there would be no fraternal societies and labor organizations today for the simple reason that there would be no need of them. He further declared that if workmen took no interest in the church, or looked askance upon church work, it was the fault of the church and not the fault of the workmen. "If any of you ministers are craftsmen," said Mr. Maupin, "I would advise you to join the union of your craft, and in this way get next to the men who toil. As things exist today, were I compelled to make choice between my union and my church, I would choose my union, because I believe that within its ranks I can do more good for my fellows than I could in the church ranks."

President Kelsey of the Central Labor Union spoke in a similar strain, and urged the ministers to do more along the line of meeting with and getting acquainted with the men in the ranks of organized labor. "It is a mistake to think that we are antagonistic to the churches," said President Kelsey. "We believe that a majority of church people misunderstand us, just as we may perhaps misunderstand you. Let us get closer together and thereby remove this misunderstanding. We are all working for the same end, although working along different lines. More unanimity of action and purpose would be beneficial to all concerned."

One minister said that it was hard to reach the workmen because they realized that religion would work

a revolution in their lives, and they did not want that. This led Mr. Maupin to remark: "That is all the more reason why the church should be the more active in its work among such men."

"If the church had to depend upon the contributions of the rich it would soon fail," said Rev. Mr. Swearingen. "Its most liberal contributors are the comparatively poor, and from this class comes the vast bulk of the funds that enable the church to continue its work."

"I believe that this exchange of delegates promises great things for the Master's cause in the future," said one minister. "And I rejoice with all my heart that this movement has been made."

#### THE PRINTERS.

#### Some News Notes About the Boys Who Make the Printed Page.

Lincoln Typographical Union No. 209 elected officers at its regular meeting last Sunday. The election resulted as follows:

F. C. Greenley, President.  
H. G. Peat, Vice President.  
F. M. Hebbard, Financial Secretary.  
Albert Strain, Recording Secretary.  
Fred Irlinger, H. C. Luce, Executive Committee.

J. G. Sayer, Sergeant at Arms.  
Messrs. Creel, Radebaugh and Ingraham, Delegates to Allied Printing Trades Council.

F. M. Coffey, J. E. Mickel, W. A. Ingraham, Delegates to C. L. U.  
The election of delegates to the C. L. U. produced a surprise. Coffey and Mickel were made candidates by petition and triumphantly elected.

Reports of Memorial and other committees were read and approved. Several new members were admitted, and the discussion under the head of "good and welfare of the union" brought out some warm remarks.

There have been some radical changes at the Independent office during the last week. H. W. Smith, late of the Trade Review, assumes the foremanship of the Independent, and H. W. McQuitty retires. F. C. Greenley resigned the job of operator-machinist and Henry Bingman is now manipulating the machine. Greenley is working at the Righter Linotype Composition company shop.

Mr. and Mrs. John Moore, who have been suffering from typhoid fever for the past five or six weeks, are well along on the road to complete recovery. The union and Capital Auxiliary have remembered their fellow members with flowers and visits during their protracted illness.

W. H. Toy, for many years a printer in Lincoln, has taken out his traveling card and is now located in Omaha. Operator Brown, for a long time on the News, has taken out his traveling card and is now working in Chicago.

The Righter Linotype Composition company has been duly incorporated, with C. B. Righter at its head and front. "Doc" now has two machines running double time and is building up a splendid business, much to the gratification of his host of friends who know him to be as "square" as they can be made.

Col. Patrick J. Boyle, organizer for the district, was in Lincoln a few hours last week, looking over the local situation. He found it all right and lit out for Beatrice and other places. Colonel Boyle is doing some great work along the lines of organization and the 8-hour day.

If any printers are figuring on going to Toronto they should see the editor of The Wageworker. There's something doing.

#### THE LEATHERWORKERS.

#### Engaged in Making a New Contract With the Employers in This City.

The Leatherworkers on Horse Goods are just now engaged in trying to make a new scale and agreement for another term, and find themselves up against the "open shop" proposition in earnest. Lincoln is the only city in this district that has enjoyed the "closed shop" contract during the past two or three years, but at this time it looks as if this distinction would not long exist. The president of the International was here one day last week looking over the ground.

The chief aim now of the Leatherworkers is to secure an agreement for a grievance committee, and if that can be secured the question of the "open shop" will not be so important.

Work has been good for some time past, but has slackened a little now, although no one is idle who wants to get in practically full time.

#### CAPITAL AUXILIARY.

#### Getting Ready for the June Social and Making Ample Preparations.

Capital Auxiliary No. 11 met last Wednesday afternoon at Bohannon's hall, and in addition to the regular routine business laid some plans for the June social which will be held Wednesday evening, June 21. A committee was appointed to look after the details, and this committee will endeavor to set a new record for social entertainment.

#### NEW PAPER FOR LINCOLN.

#### One Coming That Talks About the Tyranny of Labor Unionism.

Lincoln is to have another newspaper. Not a new one, but an old one that has been published elsewhere. It is to be democratic from the gold-bug-holing viewpoint of democracy and it is one of those papers that talks about "The tyranny of Labor Unionism" and gets off such expressions as

"depriving the unorganized workman of the power to earn bread and butter."

The Wageworker's understanding is that the paper will be published at Wilbur, Nebr., with a Lincoln date line, publication being at Wilber to escape the "tyrannical demands" of the Typographical Union, which insists upon its members having a regular pay day once a week. It beats thunder how tyrannical some labor unions become just as soon as they insist on having its members paid for the work they do.

#### THE CITY ELECTION.

#### Union Men Allow Several Good Friends to Go Down to Defeat.

The election for aldermen at large produced not a ripple of excitement, and the entire republican ticket was elected. This elector several friends of organized labor, but it also defeated several and placed in office men who have no sympathy whatever with unionism. This is especially true of Woodward. It is to be regretted that Ernest Hoppe was defeated, for Mr. Hoppe has been and is a good friend of unionism.

The trouble was indifference. Had there been more excitement things might have been different. But with a half dozen primary elections and two city elections crowded into two months to say nothing of a congressional election drawing near, people were tired and sick of politics. But union men ought not to grow tired in the work of advancing their interests. It will be four years now ere there will be an opportunity to vote again for aldermen, and four years is a long time to endure the sight of several union haters in the council, especially when their presence there might have been avoided by going to a little extra trouble.

#### STILL RAPPING THEM.

#### The "Henry George" and "George W. Childs" Cigars Still Fought.

The printers are keeping up their fight on the notoriously "scab" cigars, the Henry George and George W. Childs, and they have jabbed it in to the extent of knocking off about 40,000 in their sales during the last three months. Of course all union men should avoid all "scab" cigars, but the printers are making an especial fight on these two brands for both union and sentimental reasons. Some twenty cigar dealers in Lincoln refuse to handle the two brands any longer.

The sale of union made cigars still continues to increase. The sale should increase rapidly for the reason that all of the union made cigars sold in Lincoln are made in Lincoln, and every purchase of a Lincoln made cigar adds to the business prosperity of the city. If you are not a union man smoke union made cigars anyhow, for in that way you aid in making Lincoln a bigger and better town.

#### CONVICT BROOMS.

#### Nebraska Again Contracts Convict Labor to the Lee Broom Company.

Last week the state officials of Nebraska again entered into contract with the Lee Broom and Duster company for the labor of the convicts at the state penitentiary. Last winter the legislature refused to pass a law compelling the brand "convict made" to appear on all prison made goods offered for sale in the state.

The Lee Broom and Duster company, by reason of hiring convicts at 50 cents a day, has driven the small broom factory out of business. The result has been disastrous to many free workmen. No wife of a good union man will sweep her house with a convict made broom. No woman who has any regard for the comfort of honest and law abiding men will use a convict made broom. Convict competition has all but driven the union made broom out of the market.

There are eighteen hundred union families in Lincoln, and not one of them should be swept with a convict made broom. We may not be able to secure recognition by petition, but we can compel it by withholding our patronage. Do not boycott anything—simply do not be a chump and buy the manufactured products made by convict labor. That's all.

#### THE RAILROADERS' PICNIC.

#### It Will Be a Hummer With Horns and a Seven Times Winner.

The railway men are going to have a Fourth of July celebration at Seward this year, and it will be a hummer with horns and a seven times winner. The way the committees are hustling to make it a booming success is a sight good for sore eyes. All kinds of healthy and square games of sport, etc., will be provided. Special trains will be run at a very much reduced fare. Watch for full particulars and arrange to celebrate with the railroaders at Seward.

#### A Union Stamp Fraud.

The Boot and Shoe Workers of Cincinnati have run to earth a new method of palming off non-union-made shoes on patrons who demand the Union stamp. Frank L. Rist's Chronicle thus describes the fraud in its report of the proceedings of the Central Labor Council: "Shoe Workers—Reported that Cohen, of Fifth and Central avenue, is handling a small piece of leather, with the Shoe Workers' stamp on it, to customers demanding Union-stamped shoes, claiming that that signifies that the shoe is Union-made. The only guarantee that a shoe is Union-made is when the stamp is impressed on the shoe."

# ARRANGE TO USE A GAS RANGE

A Gas Range is a Gas arrangement that no modern city home should be without. Fuel Gas has solved the fuel problem. It has also solved the problems of health, comfort and convenience. We sell you the Gas Range and connect it free. After connection the fire is always ready--turn a valve and touch a match. All the heat at once right at the point needed. When heat is no longer needed, turn the valve the other way and immediately the expense stops. -- -- --

## Ask Those Who Are Using Gas

We show a full line of Gas Ranges and Water Heaters at our uptown offices. Demonstrators always ready to show you every detail. Gas costs far less than coal or wood. The average fuel bill for Lincoln consumers of fuel gas is considerably less than \$3 a month, and the small cash outlay includes everything. No ashes, no soot, no smoke, no dirt.

## A Gas Range Means a Comfortable Kitchen!

Do not make the mistake of harboring an unfounded prejudice. Investigate the matter for yourselves. It is a business proposition, pure and simple. Come and see! Our office is open evenings and you will be welcomed. - - -

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