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GENERAL MENTION.

News and Notes Gathered From Home and Other Places.

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The largest line of union made shoes in the city at Rogers & Perkins.

Do not be deceived. The Washburn-Crosby flour is still made by "rat" millers.

"Jake" Greenleaf, president of the local typographical union, is now operating a "mill" on the News.

Lincoln Typographical Union No. 209 meets in regular session next Sunday. There will be something doing.

Lon Rush, an engineer on the Chicago Great Western, has just secured one of the largest judgments for damages ever awarded an injured employe of a railroad. Rush secured judgment for \$22,000.

LIST OF UNION LABELS.

Every union member, or sympathizer is urged when making purchases or having work done, to demand the following union labels which have been endorsed by the American Federation of Labor:

- United Hatters.
- International Typographical Union.
- Allied Printing Trades.
- Cigarmakers' International Union.
- Wood Carvers' Association.
- Boot and Shoe Workers' Union.
- Wood Workers' International Union.
- United Garment Workers.
- Tobacco Workers' International Union.
- Journeyman Tailors' Union.
- Iron Molders' Union.
- Journeyman Bakers and Confectioners' Union.
- Coopers' International Union.
- Team Drivers' International Union.
- United Brotherhood of Leather Workers on Horse Goods.
- National Union of United Brewery Workers.
- International Broommakers' Union.
- International Union Carriage and Wagonmakers.
- International Association of Brick, Tile and Terra Cotta Workers.
- International Association of Allied Metal Mechanics (Bicycle Workers).
- Glass Bottle Blowers' Association.
- Metal Polishers, Buffers, Platers and Brass Workers' Union.
- International Association of Machinists.
- International Union of Journeyman Horseshoers.
- International Association of Watch Case Engravers.
- International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union.
- American Federation of Musicians.
- Shirt, Waist and Laundry Workers' International Union.
- International Jewelry Workers' Union.
- American Wire Weavers' Protective Association.
- American Federation of Labor.
- Upholsterers' International Union.
- International Brotherhood of Blacksmiths.
- Amalgamated International Association Sheet Metal Workers.
- Journeyman Barbers' International Union.
- Retail Clerks' International Protective Association.
- Hotel and Restaurant Employees' International Alliance and Bartenders' International League of America.
- Actors' National Protective Union.
- Meat Cutters and Butcher Workers.
- Stove Mounters' International Union.
- International Steel and Copper Plate Printers.
- United Cloth Hat and Cap Makers.
- International Brotherhood of Paper Makers.
- United Gold Beaters' National Union.
- International Union of Wood, Wire and Metal Lathers.
- Amalgamated Rubber Workers' International Union.
- Elastic Goring Weavers' International Union.
- International Printing Pressmen's Union.
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IN SPLENDID SHAPE.

Organizer French of the Cigarmakers Brings Good News.

George R. French, of Louisville, Ky., general organizer of the Cigarmakers' International Union of America, has been in Lincoln several days strengthening the local organization and doing a lot of quiet but effective missionary work for the "blue label." Mr. French has spent considerable time at the Lewis and Clark exposition in Portland, where he installed a live exhibit for his organization.

"We are growing stronger every day," said Mr. French to The Wage-worker. "We find the people more and more responsive to our appeals for support because the people are learning that our aim is to benefit the men and women engaged in our line of work. They realize more and more, too, that our interests are their interests. We have no troubles of any great moment just at present."

The cigarmakers are figuring on establishing a home for tuberculosis patients somewhere in the great southwest. Consumption is the great bane of the tobacco working crafts, and true to their well known principles of fraternity the cigarmakers are going to spend a lot of money caring for their unfortunate brothers. In the last twenty years the cigarmakers' union has expended more than \$7,500,000 in sick and death benefits. And to the everlasting credit of the men in charge be it said that up to date not a single dollar is known to have been stolen by dishonest officials.

Local cigarmakers are constantly on the alert to push their label, and the advertising campaign is waged day and night. Business is fair.

Items from Carpenters.

Four initiations last Tuesday. Union 1055, by unanimous vote, went on record in support of a petition to put in force the initiative and referendum in connection with all proposed legislation pertaining to city affairs.

Bro. John Badensek is reported very sick.

Bro. Bert Roberts, Thos. B. Jenkins, John Pim and B. Heitkotter are building houses for themselves.

Don't forget when buying coal that Marsh, Burk & Co. and Adam Schaub are the only coal yards that have signed the teamsters' scale. Be sure your coal is delivered by a union teamster.

Out of over 300 carpenters, four attended the last social of the Ladies' Label League, given last Monday at Richards' hall.

Bro. J. W. Slayton, a member of our local at Newcastle, Pa., and a prominent figure at our national conventions for years past, will speak at Carpenters' hall Friday evening on "Socialism." Every member of 1055 that can should be present. Even though you do not agree with the subject upon which the speaker talks, as a member of our organization and a visitor to our city we should give him a rousing welcome.

Rev. W. H. Vanderzee, pastor of the colored church at Twenty-fourth and F streets, and an old time carpenter, gave the union a nice little talk last Tuesday. He emphasized the life and character of Christ the carpenter's son and expressed the thought that had he lived in our day he no doubt would have been an active union man. The boys will do a little financially toward helping to put the roof on Bro. Vanderzee's church.

Bro. George Quick having been elected as a delegate to the C. L. U., submitted his resignation as recording secretary and the same was accepted with many regrets, for Bro. Quick has served the union long and faithfully. A successor to Bro. Quick will be elected next Tuesday.

Mr. French, national organizer of the cigarmakers, was given the floor Tuesday and made the boys a most excellent talk and a most earnest plea to union men to buy only such goods as bear the union label.

There is not an idle man that we know of among all the union carpenters in Lincoln.

Bro. Wm. Dullenty is now in Pasadena, California, but is expected home soon.

Don't fail to get the new working card for October, November and December.

Ernest Kent, eldest son of Bro. S. J. Kent, has gone to work for the Wabash railway at Springfield, Ill. Our organization in New York has won a signal victory after the long fight of ten months against the open shop and scab time. Two hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars was paid out by our organization in strike pay. This was not a strike, but a lockout of the men by the bosses to force our members to work with non-union men.

L. H. Merritt has taken a clearance for Omaha.

Don't forget to hand the name of every non-union man you know to the business agent.

The committee on open meeting and entertainment report progress. They will meet at the hall Saturday evening. All members who are nearly three months in arrears will have a chance to square up, as the business agent will be at the hall from 8 to 9 Saturday evening.

CAPITAL AUXILIARY NOTES

The second regular monthly meeting of Capital Auxiliary was held at Bohanan's hall Wednesday afternoon September 20. We are sorry to say the attendance was small. It seems that these ought to be stirring times

for our members and that we ought to turn out in large numbers and perhaps discuss the eight-hour problem. It is to be hoped that the "canning and jelly" season will soon be over, and then our meetings will be better attended. Mesdames Creal, Zurbruggen and Betzer had charge of the refreshments.

The most important event of this meeting was the reading of the report of the convention by our delegate, Mrs. H. W. Smith. All members are to receive a copy of said report at the next meeting. They will be nice to keep as souvenirs of the convention at Toronto.

Are you wearing your eight-hour button?

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, October 4; same time, same place. Plan to do your shopping and come to the meeting on the same day.

For the third Wednesday night in October we are promised something out of the ordinary by our social committee. The season is to be opened with a play—a real play. Talent supplied by young members of Capital Auxiliary. Each member is expected to sell tickets for this play and help make it a financial success. Be sure to come and bring your friends to see "A Box of Monkeys," October 18, at Bohanan's hall, 8 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Norton have moved to 2353 O street.

Mrs. H. W. Smith and family will move shortly to the "Palace" for the winter months.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Simmons have returned to Lincoln and are pleasantly located in their new home at Thirty-third and T streets.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hatch and baby are living in Lincoln again.

Mr. and Mrs. George Locker are living in Printerville now—Twenty-fourth and Dudley streets. They visited in Atchison a few days ago and report a good time.

SQUARED UP.

Two Coal Firms That Are Square With Organized Labor.

There are two coal firms in Lincoln that are "square" with organized labor, having signed up with the Teamsters' Union. The Marsh-Burke Co., and the Adam Schaub Co. have signed an agreement with the teamsters and will hereafter employ only union drivers and pay the union scale. This should be good news to the unionists of the city, as they may now have the privilege and the pleasure of buying coal from union firms.

The Wage-worker urges its readers to bear the names of these two firms in mind, and when ordering coal see to it that you stand by the men who are standing by you. Buy your coal of these two firms, and urge your friends to do the same.

THE CENTRAL BODY.

A Little More Interest Shown and Attendance is Larger.

While the attendance at the meeting of the Central Labor Union Tuesday night was larger than for some time, still it lacked a whole lot of being as large as it should have been. The meeting was enlivened by rousing good union speeches from Rev. S. Z. Batten and Mr. French of the Cigarmakers' union. The delegates present reported trade unusually good, the carpenters and bricklayers being especially pleased.

There being several vacancies the body proceeded to fill them. Messrs. Smith of the carpenters, and Smith of the printers were elected members of the executive committee. Mr. Baker of the carpenters was elected a member of the organization committee.

The teamsters reported two coal firms signed up, the Marsh-Burke company and the Adam Schaub Coal

company. Union men should take notice of this fact and act accordingly. Several short addresses were made and an unusual amount of interest shown. The body endorsed a petition for the establishment of the initiative and referendum and urged all union men to sign it.

JUNIOR AUXILIARY.

Capitalism the Study for the Meeting Next Sunday Afternoon.

The Junior Auxiliary will meet at 1034 O street Sunday afternoon at 2:30. "Capitalism" is the topic for the day. All are cordially invited to attend. The lesson follows:

1. Capitalism is a system of wealth production, and principally distinguishes itself from previous systems: First in that itself—that is the wealth employed in the further production of wealth—is entitled to a part of the further produced wealth; second that the labor employed in the further production of wealth becomes a direct commodity—that is, it is paid for according to amounts embodied in the wealth produced. In other words it becomes wage-labor.

2. All wealth is the embodiment of labor or energy in certain raw materials, reshaping those raw materials and giving them certain use values. There is no value—that is, no absolute value—in raw materials except what labor bestows upon it. In other words all value is based upon the labor cost of reproducing any given commodity.

3. A commodity is the unit of wealth under the capitalistic system. Any article which is placed upon the market or might or may be placed there, is a commodity. Anything that has a transferrable quality even though it may for various reasons be temporarily withheld from the market.

4. All commodities under ordinary circumstances sell for more than the

duct becomes the commodity of the directing and commanding capitalist or capitalists.

7. The surplus value—that is what ever the commodity sells for above the cost of reproducing it—is the share capitalism receives as its share for directing and commanding.

8. The price paid to labor for its share in producing commodities is called "wage"—which word is derived from the German and means "scale." "Scale" is also derived from the German and means "shell." "Shell" again is equivalent to measure. In the last analysis then "wage" means "measure" and would therefore mean its part as its share in the commodity.

9. By reason of this division of function and the consequent division measures or shares in the commodities produced there arises a constant struggle between the two elements—Capitalism and Labor—operative in the production of commodities.

10. This struggle is commonly known as the class struggle, and the result of this struggle is the formation of combination of capitalism, on the one hand to trusts, alliances, etc., and on the other hand of labor into unions, federations, etc.

11. Through the invention of machinery and the discovery of forces previously unknown the ability to produce is vastly increased and the surplus value—that is the share of capitalism—is enormously advanced and the share of labor though nominally increased is comparatively decreased.

12. Furthermore the accuracy and skill is planted in these inventions and discoveries and men, and women and even more so children, become efficient workers in a very short time and with very little practice.

13. These inventions and discovery though it may for various reasons be temporarily withheld from the market.

14. All commodities under ordinary circumstances sell for more than the

INJUNCTION REFUSED.

The Philadelphia Painters Win Over Master Painters in Court.

The Master Painters' association of Philadelphia sought to secure an injunction against the local union in the strike now in progress in that city. The master painters sought to show that the union men were intimidating the non-unionists, but the bosses were unable to establish any act of intimidation or interference on the part of the men.

The judge from the bench declared that the men had done nothing except what they had the right to do.

He stated explicitly that the asking of a non-union man to join the union was entirely proper, and that in doing so men were entirely within their rights.

He further announced that the court would not interfere unless some unlawful act were shown, and in this case none had been shown.

The attorney for the master painters made one truthful statement: He said that the business of the plaintiffs was absolutely paralyzed; that they could not get men to complete their work. "And that's no lie!"

After the decision had been rendered the bosses exhibited a most cordial feeling toward representatives of the union, Peck, McShane, Kelly and Lynch being surrounded by groups of bosses talking good-naturedly about the case and its outcome.

It did "This watch will work like a charm," said the dealer. "And it will cost you but a dollar."

We paid the dollar. The dealer was correct, and we have no complaint to make. The watch worked like a charm—exactly like a charm.

By the way: did you ever see a charm that kept time? There was a big man named McCall whose tears for our "honor" would fall. But it looks after years. As if McCall's tears were simply and overflowed gall.

To the Public

Union printers throughout the country are striving for the Eight Hour Day. Strikes are in progress in Chicago, Detroit, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Buffalo and other large cities. Printers point with pride to the fact that they are conducting their strike in an orderly and law abiding manner, and to the added fact that they are winning. The justice of their demands cannot be questioned. They ask the support of the public. You can help the printers by demanding the Allied Trades Label on your printed matter

The Pharisee And the Publican

Once upon a time there were two men, one of them a radical hater of unionism, and the other a union man who cheerfully paid his dues in order that he might help his fellow men to better their condition. And the radical hater of unionism had a habit of standing forth before the multitudes and praying in a loud voice saying:

"God, I thank Thee that I am not as some other men, even as that yoke-bound slave of unionism over yonder; that I am not an agitator and incendiary, a thug and a lawbreaker, but a man who can pray loudly, lead in singing gospel hymns and stand up before large assemblies and make long talks about the overflowing grace of the Lord. I thank Thee, O God, that I am permitted to employ large numbers of Thy female servants and pay them wages which will not tempt them to dissipation and encourage them in frivolity; that will not turn their thoughts from Thee to the trappings that are of Satan. And I thank Thee that I am permitted to thus stand before men and tell them of my virtues, and inform them that I can eat so much at one meal that I can skip one occasionally and thus get credit for fasting."

But the humble union man standing afar off would not so much as lift his eyes towards the throne of grace, but humbling himself in the dust prayed, saying:

"God be merciful to me, a sinner. I strive to help my fellow men but often fall short in my duty. God help me!"

Which of these two men, brethren, will be justified at the final judgment?

You can build fine brick buildings, and you may lead the prayer meetings, and you may sing with great unctious "Just as I am without one plea," and all that sort of thing, but God will judge you not by your pretensions. He will judge you according to the way you have treated his humble servants who have been compelled to toil for you at sweat shop wages, stitching their lives and souls into the seams of the shirts and overalls you make.

THE WOMAN'S LABEL LEAGUE SOCIAL.

Speakers of National Prominence Drop in and Make a Few Interesting Remarks.

The Woman's Union Label League social last Monday evening was graced by the presence of two gentlemen of national prominence in the industrial field, Mr. French, general organizer of the cigarmakers' union, and Mr. Gilbert, editor of the Crisis, Salt Lake City, and a socialist orator who is considered one of the very best posted and eloquent speakers. Mr. French will be in the city several days doing some organization work with his fellow craftsmen. Mr. Gilbert remained but a few hours, and before speaking at the League social, held an open air meeting at the corner of Twelfth and O streets, where he addressed a large crowd. The remarks made by these gentlemen were interesting and instructive, and both paid high tributes to the efficient work performed by the women in the interests of unionism.

The attendance at the social was by no means what it should have been. Former socials have been more successful in point of attendance, but none of them was more successful from the standpoint of genuine sociability. Between the remarks made by the speakers Mr. Quick and Mrs. Slidell rendered several musical selections, and after the short program furnished the music for the dancers. Refreshments were served from 10:30 until 12, when "Home, Sweet Home" sounded and the social came to a conclusion. The committee in charge worked hard, and while their efforts were not financially successful they did deserve all the congratulations tendered because of the pleasant hours they afforded the guests.

labor cost of reproduction and the difference between its selling price and the cost of reproduction is surplus value.

5. Capitalism necessarily presupposes a division of functions in the production of commodities, namely, it is presupposed that capitalism does the directing and commanding and labor performs the task in obedience to the directions and commands of capitalism.

6. Labor is paid a given sum for performing its part in the operation or operations and the finished pro-

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