

# THE WAGWORKER

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## THE BUTTINSKY—A MODERN WONDER.

The "Buttinsky" is the wonder of the modern business world. And he is almost too numerous for individual mention. Sometimes he is a "Buttinsky" from choice, but quite often he is a "Buttinsky" from necessity.

Necessity is the only excuse some "Buttinskys" have for butting into the disputes between organized capital and organized labor. There are men who never employ organized labor and who have absolutely no interest in the objects of the union busters who form "Citizens' Alliances" at the behest of large employers of labor like Parry of Indianapolis and Post of imitation food and divorce court notoriety. In fact, their chief interest lies with organized labor, but if they have sense enough to realize it they are too much obligated to the union haters to be allowed to profit thereby. For instance there is a big wholesale paper company in Omaha which employs perhaps two or three teamsters and two or three printers. If their teamsters and their printers received the union scale of wage and hours it would cost the company very little if any more than it does to employ non-union men. But there are a lot of union men running country newspapers, and lots of union men conducting stores that use wrapping paper, and this Omaha concern sells both news and wrapping paper. One of the firm members is a member of the executive committee of the union busting association. Perhaps the firm is under obligations to men who are selfishly interested in breaking down the unions. Certainly the firm itself can have none. Why, then, should its members be "Buttinskys?"

The retail merchant who seeks to destroy unionism is very foolish. If unionism means anything it means better wages, better hours and better conditions. And what sensible merchant can fail to see that these all connive to make his business better. The trade of 1,000 well paid, prosperous workmen is better than the trade of 1,500 ill paid, dissatisfied workmen. The trade of 10,000 well paid workmen is worth the trade of 15,000 men who are fighting among themselves for a chance to earn a dollar.

Instead of opposing unionism the retail merchant should be an ardent supporter of unionism. It means better trade, better conditions and better conditions. The retail merchant who allows himself to be made a catspaw to pull Parry and Post chestnuts out of the fire hasn't got enough sense to conduct a retail business—or any other kind of business.

## THE COUNTY ELECTION.

There will be a county and state election next Tuesday, but the interest manifested is so slight that one might well believe that only the candidates are interested in the outcome. The Wagworker has taken no part in the county election, although it has had plenty of opportunities to do so. In fact, it has been importuned to take an active part. But The Wagworker has no particular interest therein, whatever personal interest the editor may have. This is a union labor newspaper, and unless there is something about an election that is of interest from a union labor standpoint The Wagworker pays no attention to it. So far as The Wagworker knows the candidates are all good men. The editor has an idea that some are better than others, but that is a personal, not a union, view. The only advice that The Wagworker would venture to give is this:

Don't be blindly partisan. Vote for the best man, not for party affiliation. Do your own voting, and don't let some petty party boss do it for you.

Personally the editor of The Wagworker would like to see Walf Dawson elected county clerk by a unanimous vote. He is a good official, a good friend of labor, a personal friend who may be tied to, and a man who attends to the business in hand without any frills or furbelows. He is a republican, but in his official capacity he knows no politics.

Some of these days, perhaps, organized labor may have some real representatives on one or both of the tickets in this county. When that time comes The Wagworker will get out on the firing line. But right now it is not perspiring to any noticeable degree over the outcome. The editor is so proud of his American citizenship that he is going to vote, for he never misses a chance to vote. He would wade through mud ankle deep for a mile to vote, and if the candidate happened to be a good union man he would wade twice as far through mud hip deep to cast a vote. Do not fail to vote on election day. It is a good habit to get into. And do not fail to vote an intelligent ballot. That is an even better habit.

## A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY FOR UNIONISTS.

If the union men of Chicago do not elect D. G. Ramsey to the position of judge of the superior court of Cook county next Tuesday, they are a set of blooming clumps that deserve to be ruled with an iron hand by subservient judges elected and controlled by the jobs and their ilk of the Chicago union busting association.

Mr. Ramsey is a lawyer of acknowledged ability and in every way qualified for the office to which he aspires. He is a union man, too. For years he was an active member of the Order of Railway Telegraphers, and for several terms was grand chief of his order. He has never forgotten his "key pounding" days, and he has never forgotten the boys he worked with during those long years of ill-remembered toil. While pursuing the telegraph business he studied law, and when opportunity offered quit telegraphing and entered a Chicago law office. But he still kept up his card in the order. He was admitted to the bar and began active practice—and he continued to pay dues. Success came to him, and in time he was recognized as one of the leading attorneys of Chicago, but he never forgot his union but always remained a member and was ever ready to help his brother unionists. And today he is as good a union man as he ever was. The Wagworker unhesitatingly endorses what the Locomotive Firemen's Magazine says of Mr. Ramsey:

"Organized labor asks no special favor at the hands of any judge. All it asks is a 'square deal,' and we are more liable to get a square deal from a judge who has not been a corporation attorney than we are from one who has filled such a position. When we consider the outrageous decisions that are given by some jurists, for instance, in connection with the fellow-servant doctrine, we can better appreciate the advisability of taking advantage of an opportunity to elect a man who, from his contact with mankind in general, can view such things with unprejudiced eyes. We do not ask for partiality, but for the benefits of impartiality. D. G. Ramsey's record as a citizen, railroad employee, attorney, as a member and grand officer of his order, and as a man generally is unimpeachable. It is naturally to be inferred that if Brother D. G. Ramsey is elected to the position of superior judge in Chicago, he will be a fair and impartial judge; and judicial fairness and impartiality is all we ask for. In addition to this there is the incentive of placing on the bench a railroad man who has always been true to every trust as a grand officer and sincere and consistent as a member of the organization representing his calling, and always a warm advocate of and firm adherent to its principles. If Brother Ramsey is elected judge of the superior court of Chicago he will prove, by every test which will permit of judging a man's future course by his past record, to be a fair and impartial judge, and that is all we ask any judge to be. In order to elect him it will, however, be necessary for the workmen of that city to go to the polls and vote for him at this (November) election."

## THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

The Wagworker congratulates the Young Men's Christian Association upon the successful outcome of its election campaign, but it congratulates the city of Lincoln for electing the association.

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The Wagworker never had any doubts about the success of the campaign. It knows Lincoln too well, and it knows that Lincoln knows the association too, well.

And The Wagworker is proud of the part that organized labor, individually and collectively, took in the campaign. The Central Labor Union is going to pull off a benefit for the building fund. The Carpenters appropriated \$25 to say nothing of individual subscriptions made by members of that organization. Some of the most active workers in Y. M. C. A. circles are union men. Some of the most active workers in church circles are union men.

The Wagworker assures the Young Men's Christian Association that it can count on The Wagworker to help it in every way possible.

**We propose to sell to the employer eight hours out of the twenty-four, and we will do as we please with the remaining sixteen.**

Sam Parks went to jail for grafting. The insurance grafters are going to swell functions in clawhammer coats. That's the distinction that the courts make between men—and yet some people wonder why the workingman has lost faith in the courts.

Let Mr. Post wait awhile before dedicating his Battle Creek sanitarium at a "home" for printers. By the time he is through with his present battle against unionism he will have some large factory buildings vacant. Then he can found several "homes."

Timothy J. Mahoney is the legal advisor of the Omaha Union Busting Association. Timothy gets \$2,500 a year for framing up schemes to prevent men who receive an average of \$450 a year from getting an increase of 10 per cent.

The Typotheta would give a whole lot if the striking printers would not persist in acting like gentlemen and peaceable citizens. The "Teapot" is up against something that puzzles the Parryite end of the bunch.

The printers' strike has been on for about two months. During that time not a single local union has succumbed, but a score of local Typothetas have gone to the wall. That doesn't look so bad, eh?

We trust that the new Y. M. C. A. will be built by union labor. If it isn't it will be throwing obstacles in the way of the work it seeks to accomplish.

Post is still howling for a "square deal." The recent Mrs. Post knows that it is a waste of time to ask for it from her ex-husband.

You can't be a good Christian and steal from your neighbor, and you can't be a good union man and wear "scalp" garments.

## SYMPATHETIC STRIKES.

**A Sarcastic Comment on an Employer's Ponderous Platitude.**

"If trade unions are properly conducted," says the genial hard-scrabble employer, I am in favor of them, but I am opposed to strikes and especially "sympathetic" strikes and boycotting!"

Why, naturally, my good man. Right you are! A "properly conducted" trade union will serve both "capital and labor" by confining its activities to paying death benefits, "sick" benefits, and out of work benefits, besides electing officers and passing resolutions. No union should have anything to do with strikes—they are vulgar ebullitions of mean natures. And if by any chance a strike should occur, let the strikers fight it out as best they can. No strike bene-

fits should be paid them, for that might indicate sympathy, and no properly constructed union man should exhibit such a weakness. On the other hand, if strikers should happen to command success, it is proper for employers to see to it that no striker can get another job, for it might encourage him to strike again some time. And if an employer can buy cheap non-union labor it is proper that he should do so; in which case the man must not be requested to join a union or other means adopted to bring him to a "realizing sense," such as refusing to work in the same team with him, give him a "chaw of tobacco, or chum with him." Union men should always remember that the employers' interest is their interest, and whatever the employer does is for the good and welfare of his employees. A man who is fortunate enough to

be on the pay roll of an employer should consider that the dollars and cents he gets are an expression of good will and charity on the part of the employer, without whom, God bless his gizzard, no employe could live.

Another dangerous thing for employes is the exercise of thought. Thinking has led to many a dangerous practice on the part of employes. The wise employe will let the employer do all the thinking, and simply follow instructions from above in all things industrial and political. Thus will peace reign in the beautiful realm of those gentle twins, capital and labor, and sucking doves will supply squabs for the tables of God's stewards.—John F. Busche in American Federationist.

## How She Figured It.

In a Kansas City family are two sisters who are to be married before next summer. At the dinner table one evening recently their 10-year-old sister asked her mother when one of the brides-to-be would be wedded.

"In about four months from now," replied the mother. The child then asked when the other would marry.

"In about six months from now," said the mother. The little girl pondered a moment and said:

"Six an' four is ten—it's a-goin' to take us ten months to marry 'em both off, ain't it, mom?"

"Printers' Ink," the recognized authority on advertising, after a thorough investigation on this subject, says: "A labor paper is a far better advertising medium than an ordinary newspaper in comparison with circulation. A labor paper, for example, having 2,000 subscribers is of more value to the business man who advertises in it than an ordinary paper with 12,000 subscribers."

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## Free Demonstrations

Miss Miller's demonstrations are free and all housewives are invited to attend. They are given on Wednesday afternoons at 2:30 and Friday evenings at 8. The following is the program for

**Wednesday, Nov., 8, 2:30 p. m.**

SUBJECT: "A MAYFLOWER LUNCHEON."  
Dishes Prepared—Forefather Soup. Witch Doughnuts. Puritan Cake.

**Friday, Nov. 10, 8:00 p. m.**

SUBJECT: "A COLONIAL THANKSGIVING."  
Dishes Prepared—Pilgrim Soup; Wimslow Squattahash. Priscilla Salad with Alden Dressing. Plymouth Pie with Cheese Stars.

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