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Five candidates initiated and two members admitted on clearance cards Tuesday evening.

Remember the called meeting next Tuesday, November 7. Every member is expected to be present.

Do any of the members know anything of the present address of Bro. Thomas E. Ring?

Bro. G. O. Jackson has taken a clearance to Loda, Calif.

Bro. Soffia has returned to his home at Unadilla.

Bro. Heywood has left the Burlington and returned to the trade in Lincoln.

If any of the members are out of a job, call at the office between 8 and 9:30 a. m. or 5 to 5:30 p. m.

Bro. Bert Baker has submitted his resignation as a delegate to the C. L. U. and will in the future carry a policeman's baton instead of a hand box.

We will soon have an illuminated sign in front of the hall.

Bro. D. T. Beck, who lives in the brick house at the northwest corner of Sixteenth and P streets, is reported very sick with blood poisoning.

Bros. Wright and Kinsey, who have been on the sick list, are reported better.

Bro. Ipson, who fell while working on the postoffice, is around again, but will not be able to work for a week or so.

Some of the children belonging to Bro. Chas. Lodger have been sick with diphtheria and he has been confined in quarantine for two weeks, but is now at work again.

Every member who has a due book at the office should call and get it.

A LABOR AGITATOR.

President Johnson Would Have Been So Classed by Parry.

Some of the historians of Tennessee assert with great positiveness that President Andrew Johnson, when a young man and working as a journeyman tailor, formed some of the first bona fide unions in this country. While Eugene V. Debs was lecturing in Knoxville, Tenn., he was approached by Col. John Bell Brownlow of that city and asked if he knew of the existence of a labor union prior to seventy years ago. Mr. Debs said that he did not. Then Colonel Brownlow said that in 1835 Andrew Johnson organized at Greenville the shoemakers, plasterers and mechanics. This bit of history struck Mr. Debs very forcibly. But the presidents of those days, like the economic conditions, were somewhat different from those of our time.—St. Paul Union Advocate.

SOCIALIST MEETINGS.

Will Hold Them Every Sunday Afternoon This Winter.

The socialists have arranged to hold meetings every Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Central Labor Union hall during the winter. Next Sunday afternoon Secretary Rose of the state

organization will be the principal speaker. On the following Sunday Will M. Maupin will talk on "Tickets, Straight and Split." and on the following Sunday Captain L. W. Billingsley will be the principal speaker. All are cordially invited to attend and take part in the discussions.

FACTORS IN SOCIAL REFORM.

A Minister's Plain Talk on Present Industrial Conditions.

Josh Billings once said, "Before you can have an honest horse race you must have an honest human race."

There is lots of horse sense in that statement. The present industrial system is not ideal. It is the aim of thousands of earnest men to make it so. But after all, the progress that is to be made in this direction shall be determined by the great masses of the people. The question of leadership is important, but more important still is the problem of the everyday man. Any organization that influences him for the better, is helping to bring in the golden age for which all good men are longing.

The labor union is a strong factor in this connection. Misunderstood, misrepresented, as it frequently is by friend and foe, nevertheless it is moulding men for better and nobler living. It has its own field. Men must not expect the labor union to perform the functions of societies which are organized for other purposes. If it works out its own problems—and they are important enough—men should be willing to give trades unionism due credit.

The same thing is true of the church. Almost every social reformer claims Jesus Christ as the champion of his particular social system, and he criticizes the church because it does not boldly proclaim his theory. But it has not yet been proved that any social theory, in its practical application, will bring about the millennial dawn. Furthermore, the advocates of these systems are not clear in their own minds as to just what they want or how their schemes will work. Is it not folly, then, to ask the church to advocate a system which even its own advocates have not yet fully thought out? Back of every honestly advocated social theory there is a great moral principle. There are many definitions of socialism. Among other things true socialism demands "from every man according to his ability." That means a life of service. Communism demands the surrender of one's personal interest for the good of all. That means self-sacrifice. Anarchism demands the doing of right without the strong compelling arm of the law. That means justice, love, purity.

It will readily be seen that the success of any of these great social reform measures which are being presented to workingmen, is dependent upon a high, unselfish character. Christianity makes a specialty of the development of this character. That is its chief business. The principle of Jesus Christ was ideal. He struck at evil, at sin. He tried to change men, rather than methods. He did not advocate the reform measures of His day, because He knew that they were insufficient for the needs of the twentieth century. He taught the principles which will be applicable to every century. That should be the chief function of the church. If the

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church were to advocate a particular social theory which may today be accepted by a majority, it would lay itself open to criticism in the next generation which shall have outgrown that system. It would be very easy to show how in the past the church has made that mistake. The next generation will not be satisfied with our solution of the labor problem. As a matter of fact the labor question will not be settled until the last day's work is done.

But while the church must not commit itself to any economic system, it should apply Christ's great principles of justice, of love, of service, to every problem that confronts society today.—Rev Charles Stielze.

THE DEDICATION.

Lincoln Overall and Shirt Factory Opened With Prayer.

The Lincoln Overall and Shirt Factory was formally dedicated last Wednesday, a dedicatory prayer being offered and several talks being made by interested parties.

"Sweat shops" have often been closed down amidst the curses of an outraged people. Only once have we ever heard of a "sweat shop" being opened with prayer. We won't tell when it was.

The Lincoln Overall and Shirt factory employs women and girls. They work ten hours a day—all that the law allows females to work in store, mill or factory. The wages are desparately low. We have Manager Jones' word for that. When the factory burned down a few months ago he said the pay roll averaged \$500 a week, and that an average of seventy-five employees were on the roll. That is an average of \$6 a week, ten cents an hour, for all grades. Just stop and think what wage that means to the girls running machines and sewing on buttons, ten hours a day, six days a week, doctored for lost time and no holidays.

The Wageworker submits that it was eminently proper that such a factory should be opened with prayer. Certainly it needs it. Manager Jones does not believe in labor unions. He

will not submit to being dictated to by unions. He insists on running his own business. His employees must be "independent American workers." His remuneration depends upon the net earnings, and the easiest way to decrease expenses is to cut wages.

There are union overall and shirt factories in this immediate section, and they pay much better wages than the Jones factory. They work shorter hours, too. And the label appears on their output. If you want to help bring about industrial conditions that will result in forcing your daughter into a shirt and overall factory at \$3 or \$4 a week, patronize a factory that is non-union and opened with prayer. Mr. Jones is a Christian. He is to be praised for that, because it is hard to be a Christian and have money. But it is mighty hard to be anything else on an average wage of \$3 a week.

"THE ONION CLUB."

Hallow'en Party at the Home of Charley Righter.

The "Onion Club" pulled off another of its always pleasant and successful social functions last Saturday evening at the home of C. B. Righter, the hostesses being Mrs. Righter and Mrs. Barngrover. The house was decorated with jack o' lanterns and field products, and the elaborate luncheon consisted of about everything good to eat.

High five was the chief game, and it provided a lot of fun, even if the game was not played with consummate skill. An impromptu program of "coon songs" wound up the evening. This club is unique in many respects. Its membership is elastic, it has no officers, no constitution, no rules, no books and no regular meeting time. It gets together whenever opportunity affords. The last meeting was hugely enjoyed, and about half of the membership missed the last cars from O street. But that don't count on the night the "Onioniers" meet.

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