

Gas and Common Sense

"What do you mix your paints with?" queried a visitor of a famous painter. "With brains," was the reply. In order to succeed in any business one must mix brains with one's business. And the exercise of brains in the use of gas is just as necessary as the exercise of brains in anything else. Would you run your coal stove or furnace on the principle of starting the fire, piling on the fuel, leaving all dampers open and then going away and leaving the fire to run itself? Of course not. You regulate the fire by manipulating the dampers or scientific feeding of the fuel. Why, then, expect good service from a gas stove or a gas jet by just turning the valve and applying the match? Why not study the use of gas just as you study the use of coal?

If the flame on your gas range leaps out and around the cooking utensil, you are wasting gas. When a pot is mildly boiling it is just as hot as when the contents are "wallowing" around at a great rate. No matter how hot the flame, you cannot heat water to more than the boiling point. In using the gas oven, experiment with what the scientists call "confined heat." In other words, get the oven as hot as you want it, and then regulate the flame to keep it just so hot. It is just as easy to waste gas as it is to waste coal. Do not let the gas range or gas jet "run themselves" and then blame anyone else for big gas bills. If your gas range burns with a yellow flame you are wasting gas. The blue flame is the one you want—and you can get it by proper manipulation of the valve.

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THE CARPENTERS.

Begin the New Year with a Feast and Public Installation.

The Carpenters' Union entered upon the New Year full of enthusiasm and hope, and celebrated the occasion with an open meeting and public installation at Central Labor Union Hall last Tuesday evening. Four long tables reaching the full length of the hall were occupied by the union carpenters and their guests, the non-union carpenters and the employers of the city, and the evening proved to be one of the most enjoyable in the history of labor unions in this city.

Retiring President Woodward called the meeting to order and in a short address welcomed the members and visitors, and after felicitating the organization upon its success, introduced S. J. Kent, the installing officer. Mr. Kent conducted the ceremonies in an impressive manner, and the following officers were inducted into office:

- President, J. W. Emberson.
Vice-President, H. E. Attebury.
Financial Secretary, J. M. Schuler.
Recording Secretary, H. H. Chase.
Treasurer, Roswell Shepherd.
Conductor, Frank Binder.
Warden, L. A. Igin.

Ed Dullenty was installed as a member of the board of trustees, and L. A. Jenkins as a member of the board of auditors.

President Emberson briefly remarked that he purposed letting his actions speak for him, and then introduced Mr. Quick, who officiated as toastmaster. Mr. Quick soon had the guests properly seated at the well laden tables, and then, in order to economize on time, had the different speakers go to work while the auditors ate and listened. Mr. Howard was the first speaker, and in an earnest talk urged his hearers to "be men." Manhood, he declared, was the first requisite in success in any line of work. "It takes more genuine courage to be a practical everyday Christian than it does to face the enemy upon the battlefield," said Mr. Howard. Mr. Howard cheerfully admitted that he wondered far afield from the subject assigned him, but after he concluded his hearers were glad he did, for he gave them a helpful talk upon lines not often discussed in labor gatherings.

"The shorter work day" was the subject assigned to S. J. Kent, and he covered it in his usual forceful style, pointing out the benefits that accrued to mankind since the shorter work-day had been inaugurated. He laid especial emphasis upon the startling historical fact that within ten years after President Van Buren had signed the first ten-hour day law the number of patents was larger than the total number up to that date. "The shorter work-day," said Mr. Kent, "gives men time to read and study and think, and that is what makes good and useful citizens. Every time we raise a man we raise the nation just that much." Mr. Kent then put in a plea for the Saturday half-holiday and urged that it would be a benefit to both employers and employees.

Rev. Samuel Zane Batten was asked

to talk, and told to take any subject he wanted to. In response to the invitation he made a splendid address in which he urged organization, mutual helpfulness and individual responsibility, and he declared that he was proud of the fact that he was a fraternal delegate from the Ministerial Association to the Central Labor Union. He said that he had worked for two years as a carpenter, and admitted that his grandfather had often said that a good carpenter had been spoiled to make a poor preacher. His hearers expressed no opinion about the spilling of a good carpenter, but they were united in denying that a poor preacher had been made. Rev. Mr. Batten's address was listened to with close attention, and he was frequently applauded.

Will M. Maupin spoke briefly of the printers' strike and predicted a victory all along the line. Then he varied the program a little by reciting a few rhymes and telling a story or two.

The several contractors present were called upon, and the friendly feeling existing between the union and the employers was manifest in all their remarks. C. Schaaf declared that since the organization of the union there was a better feeling all around, and further declared that he believed that the eight-hour day was beneficial to employer and employee. "We get better service and more intelligent men under present conditions," said Mr. Schaaf. Joseph Watson coincided with Mr. Schaaf's views and expressed his satisfaction with present conditions. Harry Dobbs brought out a round of cheers by emphatically declaring in favor of the Saturday half-holiday. He had just returned from the Pacific coast, where the half-holiday was the rule, and he had investigated it and found that it was a good thing. It gave the employer time to look after his business, and the employee time to attend to his own little affairs. R. Stitz spoke briefly and to the point. "If you want anything, just let me know," he said.

During the evening an orchestra of four pieces discoursed music, and after the edibles were all disposed of union made cigars were passed around and everybody smoked. The "social session" after the speaking was as thoroughly enjoyed as any other feature, and a whole lot of the members and guests failed to catch the last cars, but cheerfully waded home through the snow as the price of one of the most enjoyable evenings in their lives. The committee having Tuesday night's meeting in charge is entitled to thanks and congratulations for its efforts and the success attending them.

Bro. B. E. Ingraham, who has been seriously ill, is now fully recovered. Bro. J. Westman is building himself a residence at Twenty-fourth and A streets. Some say that is a sign that the brother has serious intentions. Omaha has plenty of work for carpenters and it is no trouble to get 45 cents per hour as a minimum wage. Look for the sign, "Carpenters' Hall."

Have you got the new working card for January, February and March? Bro. Wright, an old time wheel horse of Lincoln, later a member of

the U. B. at Des Moines, Ia., but now working in Omaha, was a visitor at headquarters last week.

Work is getting very dull and there are lots of men out of work.

WILSHIRE SPEAKS.

Noted Socialist Addresses Two Good Audiences New Year's Day.

Gaylord Wilshire, the "millionaire socialist" and editor of Wilshire's Magazine, spoke twice in Lincoln on New Year's day, addressing good sized audiences on both occasions. The evening audience comfortably filled Central Labor Union hall.

Mr. Wilshire is one of the leaders in the socialistic propaganda, and is a speaker of pleasing address. He wastes no words in getting down to his subject, and his earnestness at once impresses his hearers. While in Lincoln he made many acquaintances and established some new friendships. The editor of The Wageworker acknowledges a visit, and will long remember the pleasant chat with the keen-witted gentleman who made Assistant Postmaster General Madden look like three lead dimes.

TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION.

Meets Next Sunday and Interesting Doings Are in Prospect.

Lincoln Typographical Union No. 209 will meet next Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and the session promises to be one of the most interesting in many long months. The strike will be discussed in all of its phases, and in addition the matter of straightening out a little tangle in the constitution will be attended to. Officers were elected at the December meeting, but there is a prospect of a contest on the ground that the election was not held on the constitutional date. The threshing out of this matter promises considerable excitement.

In February the local union will celebrate its twenty-third anniversary, and at the meeting Sunday the question of celebrating the occasion will be brought up and settled.

Local printers are rejoicing over the splendid stand taken by the Hearst publications on the eight-hour day. The union printers are fortunate in having a man like William Randolph Hearst at the head of five of America's greatest daily newspapers.

Tuesday's Associated Press dispatches conveyed the information that there were more applications for situations in Los Angeles than there were men who walked out to enforce the eight-hour day. The "want ad" columns the same day contained frantic appeals for non-union printers to come to Los Angeles. The "Teapot" bunch is making a spectacle of itself.

Fred Brenner claims to hold the record for steady service. He has worked in the southwest corner of the Journal job rooms for eighteen straight years, and is only three or four years older than he was when he started in.

The vote on the 10 per cent assessment was not tabulated at international headquarters in time to be announced in this issue, but President Lynch reports that he returns in on December 30 showed that the assessment carried by upwards of 20,000 majority. Lincoln's vote showed a handsome increase over the 50 cents per week assessment. They can't beat the boys who show that kind of spirit.

NOTE THE DIFFERENCE.

An Increase of Wages There, a Perfunctory "Thank You" Here.

On Christmas eve the Lincoln Distraction Co. posted a notice thanking its employes for their services during the year. That sounded real good.

On Christmas eve the Minneapolis Street Railway Co. posted notice of an increase of 2 cents an hour in the wage of conductors and motormen, the increase being a surprise to the employes, and the second of the kind in two years. And that sounded a whole lot better.

The Minneapolis scale before the increase was from 4 to 6 cents an hour higher than the Lincoln scale.

The Lincoln street railway men can not put the streak of the Distraction company in the bank. The Minneapolis men can put their little old 2 cents an hour increase in bank.

Note the difference?

LABEL LEAGUE MEETING.

First Gathering of the New Year Should Be Enthusiastic.

The Woman's Union Label League will meet Monday evening at the usual time and place, and as it is the first meeting in the new year it is to be hoped that the attendance will be large. Every member should make it a point to be present with a stock of enthusiasm that will start the new year off in splendid style. During 1906 the League will be able to accomplish a great work in behalf of unionism if the members will take on new zeal and grasp the opportunities that will offer.

The Woman's Union Label League deserves and should have the support of every union man and woman in the city. In the past it has not had the assistance of union men to the proper extent. The men most interested in the League's success have utterly ignored it. This should not longer be. Remember the meeting Monday night, and let the attendance be the largest in the League's history.

THE TEAMSTERS.

Elect Officers for Ensuing Term and Resolve to Push Things.

The Teamsters' Union met last Monday evening and pushed in the New

Year by electing officers and resolving to fight harder than ever for the cause of unionism. The new scale card was presented with the approval of President Shea of the International, and notice given that it had been printed and would be circulated on the following day. The union elected officers for the ensuing year, there being several lively but good-natured contests. The following were elected:

- President, J. H. Ludwig.
Vice-president, Henry White.
Secretary-treasurer, R. E. Morris.
Recording secretary, West Rose.
Warden, Will Bartlett.
Conductor, John Johnson.
Trustees, A. Shamp, T. Mulligan, John Johnson.

An organizer is expected soon, and when he arrives the work of building up the local union will be commenced and pushed without cessation until victory is achieved.

Born.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Brillhart, 1836 O street, a son. Mr. Brillhart informs The Wageworker that the young man's name will be William J. Bryan Brillhart, from which fact we infer that the proud father is something of a democrat. The Wageworker extends congratulations to the parents, and wishes for William J. Bryan Brillhart a long, useful and successful career.

Socialist Meeting.

Clark W. Adair, who is now on a lecture tour to the Pacific coast by the way of Texas, will talk on socialism at Richards' hall next Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. Mr. Adair is accounted one of the strongest lecturers now engaged in spreading the socialist propaganda and doubtless his lecture will be interesting and instructive. The public is cordially invited to hear him.

Prizes Awarded.

Dec. 30, 1905.
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Miss Anna Sheffield, Capitol school.
Miss Dorothy Balten, Capitol school.
Miss Hazel Ritchey, Whittier school.
Miss Alma Hall, Whittier school.
Miss Lulu Dierks, Whittier school.
Miss Dorothy Emmett, 826 South Fourteenth street.

Miss Rega Sorensen, Whittier school.
Miss Grace Hollingsworth, Capitol school.

Miss Helen Hall, Capitol school.
Miss Etta Eddy, Whittier school.
Miss Julia Hitchcock, Capitol school.
Ruth Bridenbaugh, 950 South Thirtieth street.

I have notified each of the girls that they are winners and have asked them to call at your establishment, present their letter and receive their prize.

These are special prizes awarded to Lincoln girls and Lincoln people who no doubt be interested in knowing who they are. I see nothing wrong with the use of their names in connection with the prizes awarded in case you wish to publish them.

Trusting that we shall be mutually benefited in the offering and awarding of these prizes for the encouragement of good cooking, I am,
Very truly yours,
(Signed) E. C. BISHOP,
Mgr. Corn Cooking Contest.

GENERAL MENTION.

Brief Items of News, Penned and Pasted for Busy People.

The Nebraska Press association meets in Lincoln on February 19, 20 and 21, and the local Typographical Union could do an excellent stroke of business by giving the members a reception. A majority of the members are practical printers and most of them unionists at heart.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Swanson and children returned Monday from Ong, Neb., where they spent the holidays most enjoyably with relatives and friends.

The Wageworker takes especial pleasure in calling the attention of its readers to the advertisement of the Union Transfer Line. This line is operated by R. E. Morris, a loyal union teamster, and he pledges his patrons that only union men will be employed by him. He deserves to be rushed to the limit with business from the unionists of the city.

Capital Auxiliary No. 11 to Lincoln Typographical Union No. 209 met at the home of Mrs. Fred Ihringer Wednesday afternoon and the officers for the coming term were installed. The Auxiliary is planning an active label campaign for the spring and summer months.

No one who believes in the "square deal" or in union principles will patronize an unfair printing house. The Crowell Publishing company, Springfield, O., publishers of the Woman's Home Companion, is an unfair firm. We mention this fact "lest we forget."

If after hearing a man with a union card boast for fifteen minutes about his unionism, he should lift a "scab" hat from his head to wipe away the perspiration, and then take a chew of "scab" tobacco—wouldn't that jar you? A week ago James Crabtree was offering to bet \$20 that the unions

could not get his scalp. The chances are that he wants to cut the bet in half and get long odds by this time.

The Wellington, New Zealand, city council has decided to enter into an industrial agreement with the employes on the municipal tram-ways concerning wages and hours of labor. The agreement provides that all employes shall join the tramway union within one month of joining the service and that disputes shall be decided by the appeal board.

Secretary Mayne of the Y. M. C. A. informs The Wageworker that Rev. Charles Steale, the machinist-preacher who is at the head of the department of Church and Labor of the Presbyterian church of the United States, will address the men's meeting at the Oliver on some Sunday afternoon this winter. When he does come he should be greeted by an enthusiastic crowd of union men.

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