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OUR "FRIENDLY LIST EDITION"

The Wageworker is preparing a special "Friendly List" edition which will be published the last of February or the first of March. It will be of especial interest to the unionists of this section of the state, and we bespeak for The Wageworker's special representatives a courteous reception from all business men interested in securing a share of union patronage and who are willing to reciprocate when occasion offers.

A FEW WORDS WITH REV. MINOT J. SAVAGE.

Rev. Minot J. Savage is a New York minister of the gospel who draws a healthy salary, lives in comparative luxury and mingles with the people who are always well fed, well clothed and well cared for. We are quite sure that he is well educated so far as book learning is concerned, and equally positive that he is ignorant of the real conditions of the majority of the working classes in his own city. We make the latter assertion because we have just read a few extracts from a sermon preached by Rev. Minot J. Savage, in which he spoke of "the problem of organized labor." The reverend gentleman spoke in part as follows:

"We are threatened with a strike in the coal fields. Are the miners starving? I do not say they are as well off as they ought to be, but I wish everybody was as well off.

"But these miners who propose to demand more wages will have \$5,000,000 to fight with. They certainly have not saved that out of starvation wages. I speak not of it to criticize it at all, but to note it. What do they want? They want shorter hours. There I sympathize with them. If, however, they are going to spend the hours that they save from toil in the saloon, then they would be better hard at work.

"But suppose one of them should say: 'Here is your rich man, who does not make any better use of his leisure than I do,' what shall I reply. I shall have to concede that it is probably true.

"There is a third party that appears to be forgotten—the thousands, the millions who want coal. They have to suffer month after month and pay all the bills, and their rights are disregarded.

"There is another phase of trades unionism. Their interference with individual liberty. There will be another war for freedom in this country before individual liberty is given up at the dictation of either capital or labor."

It is not, dear doctor of divinity, a question of whether the miners are starving. It is a question whether they are getting a rightful share of the products of their toil. Perhaps that is a little matter to Rev. Minot J. Savage, who, we believe, draws a salary of some \$8,000 or \$10,000 a year.

Concerning the alleged \$5,000,000 strike fund, there is very little that need be said. In the first place the miners will have no such fund. They will have, perhaps, one-half that much. But suppose they do have \$5,000,000. They have been raising this strike fund for two years. There are 600,000 of them. An assessment of 10 cents a week—and that is less than the value of the bit of cigar one of Rev. Minot J. Savage's parishioners bites off when he lights his perfecto—would mean upwards of \$6,000,000. We greatly fear that the imagination of Rev. Minot J. Savage outruns his knowledge of mathematics. Surely Rev. Minot J. Savage would not counsel the miners to save their strike assessments and invest in automobiles and compete with their employers in auto racing and other forms of social diversion so dear to the heart of the reverend gentleman's parishioners.

Every time a plea is made for better wages for workingmen some narrowminded preacher whose eyes are so close together that a penny would cover both of them, gets up and howls about the workingman spending his money in saloons. We sadly confess that they spend altogether too much that way, but as they are workingmen on comparatively small wages they cannot afford to drink in fashionable clubs like Rev. Minot J. Savage's parishioners do. Perhaps they cannot afford to drink at all. It would be better if they did not. But if the employers will pay decent wages, and if preachers like Rev. Minot J. Savage will get into the labor game instead of standing afar off in unsported clerical garb, perhaps we can show them how to better spend their wage. We would pause right here, in this connection, to point Rev. Minot J. Savage to the fact that the bulk of the money spent for liquor in this country is spent by the well-to-do, not by the wage earners, and that social conditions among those who eat their bread in the sweat of their faces are infinitely cleaner and more moral than in the upper circles of New York society where Rev. Minot J. Savage performs most of his clerical labor and from whom he draws a yearly salary that would mean a comfortable fortune to the average coal miner.

And Rev. Minot J. Savage is again far from the facts when he asserts that the rights of the consuming public have been disregarded by the miners. The disregard is all on the part of the gentlemen who move in the upper circles of the city in which the reverend gentleman preaches. If service to the public is measured by sacrifice, then the coal miners render more service to their fellows in a day than any fashionable church flock in Gotham renders in a year. We urge Rev. Minot J. Savage to ponder on that for a few minutes.

When this reverend gentleman stoops to use the old and exploded lie about labor unions restricting "individual liberty" he does himself no credit as an original investigator. "Individual liberty" is a phrase that ministerial gentlemen should use with caution. If he is so awfully concerned about "individual liberty" why does he disturb his soul by thoughts of the wage earner's unquestioned right to spend his wage as he pleases? "Individual liberty" is a very large question, and if Rev. Minot J. Savage is no better prepared to discuss it than he is to discuss labor problems, he would better confine his ministrations to that branch of Gotham society that gives birthday dinners to dogs, builds homes for disabled cats, and thinks it has done its duty to God's poor when it writes a check against its abundant bank account.

WE ARE VERY BUSY JUST NOW.

Every week The Wageworker is in receipt of long communications and petitions from the "Japanese and Korean Exclusion League," and these are always accompanied by a request to print. There are several reasons why we can not comply with these requests. One reason is that we are too busy. Another reason is that we haven't time. And still another reason is that we haven't the space.

We are not worrying about an invasion of Japs and Koreans. It isn't the competition of the quick, alert, intelligent Jap that is bothering us or will bother us. It is the competition of the dull, listless, degraded, debased, ignorant and unambitious Hunn and Finn and Slav that are being imported by the millions through Castle Garden in open defiance of the alien contract labor laws. During 1905 less than 10,000 Japanese and Koreans came to the United States.

DURING THE SAME TIME MORE THAN ONE MILLION EMIGRANTS WERE LANDED AT CASTLE GARDEN, many of the criminals, many of the insane, thousands of them paupers, thousands imported by contract and a majority of them ignorant, without ambition and the passive tools of the financial barons who control our great mining and railroad industries.

The spectacle of a lot of well intentioned people throwing fits over the importation of a handful of Japs and Koreans and ignoring

the importation of a million Hunns, Finns, Slavs and the like, would make us laugh if it were not so pitiful.

There were more foreigners landed at Castle Garden in two months of 1905 than there were Chinamen landed on the Pacific coast from 1849 to January 1, 1906!

And the ignorant and debased foreigners landed at Castle Garden in 1905 will do more to beat down wages and lower the American standard of living than all the Chinamen, Japanese and Koreans landed on American soil since the stars and stripes were first hoisted.

We are opposed to Chinese, Japanese and Korean labor. But we are not going to let a lot of shrewd and conscienceless men pull the wool over our eyes and keep us so busy yelling against the Japs and the Koreans that we fail to notice the importation of contract labor on the Atlantic coast.

We quit tearing our shirts over the "yellow peril" several years ago. We used to tear a shirt or two regularly every week over that question. No more for us. The "white peril" is a graver menace than the "yellow peril" ever was.

With every respect for the men who are pushing the "Japanese and Korean Exclusion League," and without casting a single doubt upon their honesty and good intentions, The Wageworker insists that they are being unwittingly used by a power that has imported millions of pauper white laborers in violation of law.

Don't you worry about the Jap. He isn't going to work very long in America for less than the American standard of wages. He is a proud little cuss, and a very capable one, too. There is as much difference between a Jap and a Chink as there is between a skilled union mechanic and one of Parry's strikebreakers.

WHAT ABOUT THE OTHER HAND, MR. POST?

The back cover page of "Everybody's Magazine" for February is occupied by an advertisement of Postum Cereal, manufactured by Charles W. Post, Battle Creek, Mich. It contains an engraving of a beautiful female forearm and hand, one finger wearing a diamond ring. The advertisement conveys the information that this is the hand that "helps to write Postum advertisements," and is printed because so many people have evidenced some curiosity to know something about the manufacture of the aforesaid ads.

We might remark right here that it would be more interesting to know something about how Postum Cereal is made, but that is apart from our present purpose. Just now we are interested in the subject of hands.

We admit the beauty of the hand exhibited by Mr. Post, but there is another hand, and we would like to see a picture of it. It is the hand of a woman—perhaps a hand calloused and worn by toil—who stood by Mr. Post's side before a minister of the gospel and repeated with Mr. Post the marriage vows when both were young and poor. It is the hand of the woman who toiled for him and worked with him to lay the foundations of his present ample fortune. It is the hand of the woman who was discarded by him when the bloom of her youth had been wasted in his behalf; the hand of the woman he treated so cruelly that in sheer self-defense she secured a divorce. That is the hand we would like to see pictured in a Postum Cereal advertisement—not the hand of the young and blooming stenographer who stepped into the place of the wife who was discarded.

What about that other hand, Mr. Post? May we not have a picture of it?

The fight of the printers for the eight hour day is practically won. Eighty per cent of the union printers are working the eight hour day. The employers who have been holding out should come across.

Let every trades unionist in Lincoln attend the Y. M. C. A. meeting at the Oliver Sunday afternoon, February 18, and hear Rev. Charles Stelzle, the union machinist preacher.

The Saturday half-holiday is right. It is expedient. It is justice to the employer and the employe. What's the matter with making it universal.

If you are peaceable and quiet you will be enjoined. If you are riotous you will be enjoined. Puzzle: Why are there so many riots?

Rev. Charles Stelzle, Oliver theatre, Sunday afternoon, February 18, 3 o'clock. Every trades unionist in Lincoln should hear him.

If you are wearing "scab" garments you have no moral right to complain when a man "scabs" on your job.

Are you a "scab" at heart? You are if you fail to demand the label.

Boost your friends and ignore your enemies. A booster is better than a knocker.

Central Labor Union meeting next Tuesday evening. Be there.

A "scab" \$5 hat makes any union head look like 30 cents.

THE CARPENTERS.

A Little Bunch of News About the Big Local.

The total membership of Union 1055 was 320 the first of February, the largest membership in the history of the Carpenters' Union of Lincoln.

Bro. S. J. Kent resigned his position as business agent last Tuesday evening. He was given a unanimous vote of thanks for faithful services. Bro. J. M. Schuyler, the financial secretary, was elected to fill the position and has already entered upon the duties of the office.

The delegates to the building trades conference, Bros. Quick, Chase and Kent, made a lengthy report of what was done at the conference held at Carpenters' hall Wednesday evening, January 31. Bro. C. E. Woodard was appointed in the place of Bro. Kent, retired.

The reports of the Trustees and Auditors were read and accepted.

The executive committee reported that they could purchase certain lots to build a Carpenters' hall. A motion was made to appoint a building committee, which motion was laid over until next meeting.

One candidate was initiated at last meeting. The executive committee made several recommendations pertaining to working conditions for the coming year, which were discussed at length. Bro. J. M. Harris' wife is very sick at Macon City, Ia. The boys extend their sympathy to the brother.

ROBERT HERPOLSHEIMER.

Sudden Death of a Prominent Young Business Man.

The death of Robert Herpolsheimer, one of the most prominent young business men of Lincoln, came as a great shock to his large circle of friends yesterday evening. He died at 8 o'clock after a short illness. Last Wednesday he was operated upon at St. Elizabeth's hospital for appendicitis. Until the last twenty-four hours his condition was very hopeful. An acute attack of inflammation of the kidneys followed the operation and contributed to his death.

Mr. Herpolsheimer was the son of

H. Herpolsheimer, the owner of the Herpolsheimer company department store. He would have been twenty-one years old had he lived till August. In spite of his youth he had made remarkable advancement in the social and business world and was destined to have succeeded his father at the head of a Herpolsheimer enterprise had he survived. His death is peculiarly sad in view of his recent preparations for a long and useful life. Three months ago he married Miss Louise Adell Hoover, the young daughter of Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Hoover. The young couple had built and fitted up a cosy new home at 1511 M street, where they were the center of a large social circle.

Mr. Herpolsheimer showed remarkable ability as a youth. He graduated from the Lincoln high school and attended the state university before going into his father's store as assistant superintendent of the entire business. His ability and unimpeachable character soon brought him into prominence. All who met him were impressed with his talent and were full of praise for his manliness and integrity. He was particularly popular among the young people, especially the members of the Sigma Chi fraternity of which he was a member.

The father and mother and three brothers were at the bedside when he died. Two sisters, Mrs. Barber, of Colorado Springs and Mrs. Lamprecht of Chicago, had not been sent for as his condition was not considered alarming until a short time before he died. The body was taken to the home of his parents, 1245 E street, to await the funeral arrangements. The sympathy of Lincoln people goes out to the grief stricken relatives.

The funeral will probably be held Friday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herpolsheimer, 1245 E street. The department store will close Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.—Wednesday Morning's Journal.

GOES TO MEXICO.

Ed P. Mickel Has Advantageous Offer From City of Mexico.

Ed P. Mickel, who has been business manager of the Dall Star since its inception, has tendered his resignation and will soon leave for the City

of Mexico, where he will probably make his future home. He has been tendered the management of a big manufacturing company having to do with printers' supplies, and will doubtless accept it.

The Wageworker, in common with a host of others, regrets that Mr. Mickel is about to leave Lincoln. He is himself a union man through and through, and he has evidenced his unionism on numerous occasions. He is a thorough business man, and any firm securing his services will have reason to congratulate itself. We wish Mr. Mickel abundant success in whatever he undertakes, and in this wish The Wageworker feels that it is voicing the sentiments of every man in Lincoln who knows Mr. Mickel.

CONDUCTORS' BALL.

Railroad Men and Their Wives Enjoy Annual Dance.

Two hundred couples were present at Fraternity hall Tuesday evening, the occasion being the annual ball of the Order of Railroad Conductors, in which the conductors had the hearty co-operation of the Woman's Auxiliary.

The affair was one of the most brilliant and enjoyable ever given by the railroad men, and those in attendance had the real "time of their lives." The hall was beautifully decorated with palms, and an abundance of carnations and other flowers adorned the tables of the refreshment room. The grand march was led by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Marshall, behind whom the knights of the ticket punch and their wives and families promenade to the strains of orchestral music. Supper was served at 10:30 after which dancing continued until a late hour.

The ball planned by the conductors and their wives, was one of the regular annual social events of Lincoln. That it was a success, every person who attended will attest.

GENERAL MENTION.

Labor Items of Interest Original and Otherwise Garnered In.

Central Labor Union meeting Tuesday evening.

Typographical Union ball on Washington's birthday.

Twenty-five shoe cutters are on strike in Chicago.

Woman's Union Label League meets next Monday evening.

Decatur Trades Council is arranging for a union mass meeting.

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

A movement is on to reorganize the Chicago Cooks and Bartenders.

Smoke "Blue Ribbon" cigars. Union made. Neville & Gartner.

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

Union bakers will establish a co-operative shop at West Hoboken, N. J.

The Lithographers' International Benefit Association will demand the eight-hour day.

T. W. Day of Kansas City, well known in labor paper circles, is in the city on business.

The Trades Council of Detroit has changed its name to the Detroit Federation of Labor.

The Daily Nebraskan, the university paper, has suspended publication, owing to internal difficulties.

Twenty-five Bridge and Structural Iron Workers employed at a heating plant in St. Paul are on strike.

George W. Armstead, sr., of North Bend, Nebr., is in the city, visiting with his daughter, Mrs. Will M. Maupin.

"Blue Ribbon" cigars are made in Lincoln by union workmen. Sold by all dealers. Manufactured by Neville & Gartner.

Typographical Union ball, Fraternity hall Thursday evening, February 22. Tickets \$1, including refreshments. Reid's orchestra.

Rev. Charles Stelzle, a preacher who is a trades unionist, will talk at the Oliver theatre at 3-p. m. Sunday, February 18. All trades unionists should hear him. Remember the date.

The Modern Woodman, lately removed from Lincoln to Indianapolis, has been denied second class mail privileges. We expected something like that would happen when it was taken from Lincoln.

A special jurisdiction agreement has been entered into between the garment workers and shirt, waist and laundry workers' internationals. It decides which is the work of each in composite shops, gives the jurisdiction of each shop to the craft turning out 51 per cent of the product; but the labels of both unions will be used in such shops on the goods that come under the jurisdiction of each.

ROBERT HERPOLSHEIMER.

A Splendid Young Business Man Was Called to His Long Home.

Elsewhere in this issue will be found an account of the death of Robert Herpolsheimer, son of H. Herpolsheimer. The Wageworker takes this occasion to endorse all the eulogiums pronounced upon this splendid young man by the daily papers and the citizens in general. He was a splendid young business man, alert, thorough and courteous. It was always a pleasure to do business with him. The editor of The Wageworker has often talked to Mr. Herpolsheimer on labor topics and always found him interested in the welfare of those who toil. His sympathies were with trades unions. To the bereaved relatives The Wageworker, in common with hundreds of others, extends its deepest sympathy in their hour of deep affliction.

MR. KENT RESIGNS.

Performed Splendid Service as Business Agent of Carpenters.

At the last meeting of the local Carpenters' Union, S. J. Kent, who has been business agent for considerably more than a year, tendered his resignation, and it was accepted with regret. When Mr. Kent took hold of the union's affairs it had less than 100 members, many of whom were not in good standing. He lays down his work when the union has 320 members, all of whom, practically, are in good standing, and the union itself in better shape every way than at any time in its history.

Mr. Kent will leave in a few days for Wyoming for a brief visit and rest. He has not yet determined what business he will engage in, but whatever it is he will carry into it his enthusiastic unionism, and will be accompanied by the best wishes of Lincoln unionists.

Paid Without Protest.

Raymond H. McCaw, a minor who was employed in the printing establishment of Jacob North & Co., during December, 1905, secured a verdict for \$67.50 in the county court yesterday against the company. McCaw was a press feeder and alleged that his hand was caught in a press and crushed. He said the accident was due to the machinery being in bad condition. The company did not combat the claim and paid the damage.

Miss Bowen Better.

Miss Birdie Bowen, daughter of Charles Bowen, secretary of the local Barbers' Union, who has been ill with diphtheria for some time, is very much better now, and quarantine has been removed.

In the West.

President James M. Lynch of the International Typographical Union is making a tour of the cities where

trouble exists, and was in Omaha last Wednesday. The Omaha situation is well in hand. As a matter of fact the printers have won their fight for the eight hour day all over the country. More than 85 per cent of them already have the eight hour day, a goodly proportion of the balance have arranged for it, and the balance have it in sight as the result of the most intelligent fight ever waged by a trades union.

CENTRAL LABOR UNION.

The Central Labor Union meets regularly on the second and fourth Tuesdays in each month. By mistake The Wageworker advertised a meeting for last Tuesday, which was a mistake. The meeting will be held next Tuesday evening, February 13. At the last regular meeting the Labor Temple project was brought up in tangible form, and it will be thoroughly discussed and definite action taken.

The temple project has been brewing a long time, and it is the opinion of enthusiastic trades unionists that it is high time to get busy. The central body will also take up some other matters of interest. Every affiliated union should see to it that their delegates are on hand next Tuesday evening.

IN BUILDING CIRCLES.

The building trades are making ready for the spring work, and are laying plans to secure better conditions than have heretofore prevailed. There is no sign of trouble on the labor horizon, and conferences that have already been held point to a satisfactory agreement all along the line. The closed shop will be insisted on in several quarters where the open shop now prevails, and the indications are that this will be agreed to all along the line.

The building trades have been perfecting their organizations all winter, and are in better shape now than ever before.

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FEATS IN FITTING THE FOOT

It is a feat to fit the foot. We do it. Our line of Shoes is not the largest in the west, but we have your size, and we have a shoe that will suit you. Got 'em for \$2.00 a pair, too. Got better ones at a little higher price. We can outfit you from head to foot, and we would like to do it. We will do it if square dealing and square prices are attractions to you. We carry everything in the Clothing and Furnishing line.

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