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OUR "FRIENDLY LIST EDITION."

The Wagworker 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 Wagworker'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.

KEEP YOUR MONEY AT HOME.

When conditions are fair, and all things equal, union men of Lincoln owe it to themselves and to their city to keep their wages at home, spending the same for products of home manufacture and patronizing local institutions. There are several phases of this question, one of which The Wagworker desires to mention at this time.

There is the matter of insurance—fire, life and accident. Few people realize how much money is annually sent out of Lincoln as insurance premiums to companies doing business in the East. It amounts to hundreds of thousands of dollars a year over and above what comes back in the shape of payments on policies. This is not as it should be. It is a course that drains the financial resources of the city, and is a rank discrimination against home institutions that are sound and fair to organized labor. There are a number of insurance companies in Lincoln, all of them financially solid and managed by fair, capable and energetic business men. Every dollar paid to them is retained at home and continues to do good work in the channels of trade. Every dollar thus retained means more business in Lincoln, more employment for wage earners, more homes, better homes, better surroundings, better schools and better lives.

Fire insurance that is just as safe as that form of insurance can be, may be secured from Lincoln companies. The same is true of life insurance. The same is true of accident insurance. And this insurance is just as cheap—in most cases much cheaper—as that offered by foreign corporations that have no interest in Lincoln apart from the amount of money they can wring from the city.

The Wagworker stands for Lincoln first, last and all the time, save when so doing means the boosting of some notorious "sweat shopper" who is a union hater and thrives at the expense of helpless men, women and children. It believes in spending money at home. It has refused good offers of advertising from mail order houses in Chicago and New York, and will continue to refuse them. Its editor carries considerable life insurance, and it is all with Lincoln or Nebraska companies. His humble lares and penates are insured in a Lincoln company. He is protected against accident by a Lincoln company. It is not a matter of sentiment, fellow unionists—it is a matter of business. We live in Lincoln and we earn our wages working for Lincoln men. Let us help build up Lincoln by standing by the men who are honestly and fairly seeking to make Lincoln a bigger and a better town.

THE WAILINGS OF MR. PARRY.

David M. Parry is yowling again. His "achings" and mouthings are being scattered broadcast over the land by the Associated Press. If it isn't one thing, it is another.

Just now Mr. Parry is blaming the labor unions for the Chinese boycott. He says the unions have discriminated against the Chinese until the Chinks have retaliated by refusing to buy American goods.

Thank you, Mr. Parry. We appreciate the compliment you pay to the power of American unionists. If you think for a minute we as laboring men are going to let up on our fight against your little scheme to import Chinese cheap labor, you are as badly off as you were when you thought you were going to wipe labor unions off the map. Great Scott! Mr. Parry, are you not getting your labor cheap enough in your open shop carriage factory at Indianapolis. The labor commissioner of your state says you are paying an average wage of less than \$8 a week to your employees. And yet you are asking for the privilege of importing Chinks to help you hammer the wages still lower.

Of course you want to sell goods to China. We want you to. But don't think for a minute we are willing to let you import Chinks by the million to make the goods at our expense. If you are so cocksure that the Chinese trade is so profitable, and the open shop such a good thing, for heaven's sake move your factory to Peking or Canton. You'll find the open shop in full swing there. The nine-hour day, or the eight-hour day, is a thing unknown. The Chinks are just the kind of "free and independent" laborers your soul yearns for. And you can get them for much less than an average of \$8 a week. You can get them for less than that a month—non-union, "free and independent," and trusting absolutely in the goodness and kindness of their employer.

"The whole weight of the National Association of Manufacturers will be thrown into the cause for the correction of present evils by the enactment of proper laws by congress," says Mr. Parry, president of the National Association of Manufacturers.

What evils? What does Mr. Parry mean? Merely that he considers it a great evil that he and his ilk cannot import Chinese coolies to take the place of American workingmen and reduce American wage earners to the level of the coolie. Mr. Post can bespangle his speech with glittering phrases, but that is just what he means.

Let American workingmen take warning. Congress will be approached and influenced, you know how. Have we any congressmen to fight our battles?

If we have not, whose fault is it?

O, ACKNOWLEDGE IT, GENTLEMEN!

Why don't the city council quit monkeying with the Lincoln Distraction company question and cheerfully admit what every thoughtful citizen knows to be true—that the city council does not want to make the Distraction company come to time.

A determined council could have brought things to a focus long ago. Make the company pay its taxes? Perhaps not directly. But it could have worried haughty Mr. Seudder either into a decent frame of mind or an untimely grave.

Why not acknowledge, gentlemen, that you don't want to make the Distraction company come to time?

You are not deceiving the people, however much you are deceiving yourselves.

Jump, you weak-kneed councilmen! Jump!

We wish the Ministerial Association would meet elsewhere than in the Carnegie library. That structure was built with money wrung from the bone and blood of men slaughtered at Homestead. It is the price of human life. It is a stone monument to the criminal favoritism of our national lawmakers and law executors. Change your meeting place, gentlemen.

Now they are charging Mr. Bryan with being responsible for the Chinese boycott against American goods because he frankly told the Chinese that the United States would not modify its exclusion laws. The charge will not injure Mr. Bryan. He told the truth.

SUITS AND O'COATS AT HALF PRICE

WHEN reading our advertising of these two great sales, first of all you must remember that every piece of clothing in our store, whether suit or overcoat, is brand new, stylish, well made, bought for the season's wear. When selecting from our stock of clothing, you do not run chances of buying something out of style, something which has been lying on the shelves for many years, thus becoming shopworn. We do not carry over stock from one season to the other. Hence the great sales.

All Overcoats priced up as high as \$50.00, silk lined, and every one of them possessing that faultless fit and distinct exclusiveness that characterize the H. S. & M. clothing. All marked at one price, \$18.50. On another table we have the Coats that were marked up as high as \$32.50. The styles include Paddocks, Rytons, Varsities, in both single and double breasted; also Chesterfield and Box styles. They are all marked at one price, \$14.50. Every one of them is a genuine bargain. Those Overcoats that were made to sell up to \$22.50 have all been put in one lot. They include all the smart styles of the season, as well as the Chesterfields. Some are silk lined and all of them are made up in the right way and tailored with all the style that is characteristic of their makers. They are on sale now at \$10.50.

We have divided our Suits into three lots—one bunch at \$5.00, another at \$10.00, and another at \$15.00. You cannot go wrong on any one of these Suits you chance to buy. Some of the Trousers to these Suits are worth what we ask for the three pieces. Never before have you been offered such bargains as are embraced in this sale. Just to make good, as the saying goes, we are offering 20% off on all Odd Trousers. Come today, the Suit you want may not be here tomorrow.

Armstrong Clothing Co.

Good Clothes Merchants

TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION BALL.

Lincoln Printers Celebrate Twenty-fourth Anniversary of Their Union.

In February, 1883, Lincoln Typographical Union No. 209 was chartered by the International Typographical Union. It started out with eleven charter members, all of whom save one have gone to other parts. Hugh McVecker, of the State Journal, who long since retired from active work as a printer, is the only charter member now living in Lincoln. The Union has had its ups and downs—principally ups. At one time it was hanging on by its eyebrows, but it hung. Today it has upwards of 100 members, and is not only the oldest union in years, but is one of the largest and strongest in this section of the country.

In accordance with custom the Union celebrated its anniversary by giving an annual ball, and this ball was held at new Fraternity hall on Washington's birthday. Socially and otherwise the ball was a great success. The printers were complimented by a goodly attendance from sister unions, and the various committees in charge left nothing undone to add to the comfort and pleasure of the guests. The refreshment portion of the program was in the hands of Capital Auxiliary No. 11, which spelled success from the start. The Union is doubly fortunate in having such an energetic band of union women to help it along. Reid's orchestra furnished the music. Some criticism was aroused on this score, and to the would-be critics The Wagworker will have something to say in the near future. As The Wagworker goes to press the printers and their friends are dancing and making merry over the long and successful career of 209.

WOMAN'S LABEL LEAGUE.

Will Frame Up Scheme to Increase Its Membership Mightily.

The Woman's Union Label League will meet next Monday evening, and among other things it will complete the arrangements for a campaign to increase interest and membership. Two captains will be chosen, and these captains will "choose up sides," just like we used to do at the old-fashioned spelling schools. Then the two sides will hustle out and get new members. The side bringing in the fewest new members will have to prepare a supper for the victors.

There is going to be some tall hustling on this plan, and it promises to be a success. The interest in the league is not what it should be, and union men and women ought to make an effort to put it on a solid and enthusiastic footing. It will pay them to do so.

Hoax—"What's the use of making a mountain of a molehill?" Jox—"Well, you might cut the mountain up into building lots."

When two men bet, one of them isn't going to better himself.

"Brain Building" is the theme of Mr. Post's advertisements now. If gripe nuts will build a conscience we recommend a few barrels of it to Mr. Post.

Pat Dolan get his charges into the Associated Press by the columns. The rights of the miners get almighty little consideration there, however.

The man who will denounce a business proposition as a "graft" and then refuse to listen to an explanation, is unfair to himself and does his intelligence no credit.

The National Association of Manufacturers is now fighting for "justice to the Chinese." That bunch never thinks of giving justice to American workingmen.

25 Per Cent Discount

Great Bargains in Under Muslins this week, and a few other specials well worth your careful consideration. The early shoppers will have the advantage of first selection. Will you be one of the first?

One-Fourth Off on Undermuslins

A traveling man's sample line of Muslin Underwear for Ladies, Misses and Children. The lot comprises many hundred garments and by buying this lot of the salesman we saved a big per cent and this week we will give the people of Lincoln a chance to buy undermuslin at wholesale prices. Come early to get the garment you are looking for. Skirts, Chemise, Gowns, Pants and Children's Garments in various styles, all on the tables at ONE-FOURTH OFF.

Regular lines of Muslin Garments at special discount.

Hosiery and Underwear Specials

Ladies' Fleece Ribbed Vests and Pants, in Grey and Ecru, special.....22c
Ladies' Cream White Union Suit, a very soft fleece; \$1.00 value; special.....79c
Children's Heavy Ribbed Bearskin Hose, in all sizes, 2 pairs.....25c
Ladies' Heavy Ribbed Hose, in all sizes: 15c value.....12c
Misses' Fine Ribbed Fleece Hose; 25c

Some Dress Goods Specials

15c Plaids and Checks in Jamestown cloths, this week.....9 1/2c
Tricot Flannels in Rose, Gray, Nile, Pink and Green, worth to 35c, to close at 19c
50c Plaids in Mohair and Worsted, new combinations. This week.....28c
32-inch new Gray Suiting in various shades of Gray; a handsome fabric 29c
50-inch Imported Mohairs in colors Black, Brown, Gray, Cardinal and Green; 60c value.....48c
56-inch new Gray Suitings in Plaid and Check effects.....\$1.00
Cream White Wools in popular fabrics and assorted widths, 35c, 45c, 50c, 75c, 90c and.....\$1.00
Black Mohairs, all imported cloths, assorted widths at 50c, 60c, 75c, 85c, \$1, \$1.25 and.....\$1.50
Cravenette Suitings in new Stripes and Check effects, 56 inches wide, \$1.50 values.....\$1.18
36-inch Black Taffeta Silk, guaranteed; now.....75c

Embroideries 9c

This is an exceptionally low price on these Embroideries, as these are in widths up to 10 inches wide and are

White Waistings at 25 cents

We have selected from our regular 50c and 35c White Mercerized Waistings, all new Plaids and Checks included. There are about 15 pieces in all. Don't miss getting a Waist off one of these pieces, for they are cheap at only...25c

Simille Sole

This is a new fabric for Waist and Suits. It is all cotton, but has a lustre like Silk and this lustre is permanent finish warranted Yarn Mercerized. Comes in colors, White, Cream, Alice Blue, Tan, Champagne, Light Blue, Brown, Gray and Black. Come in and see this cloth. 28 inches wide.....25c

Dry Goods and Notion Specials

LADIES' HAND BAGS.

100 Hand Bags, worth to 75c, to close at.....35c
Ladies' Lace and Jet Collars at 1-5 Off.
Ladies' Hose Supporters, in the Belt effect; 15c value.....10c
15c box Bailey's Talcum Powder.....8c

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