

THE WAGWORKER

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CLEAN THEM OUT, MR. MAYOR.

The dives called "pool halls" must go, Mr. Mayor. You may rest assured that the decent element of Lincoln's citizenship—and it is vastly in the ascendancy—will back you up in every effort you and your official associates may make to drive this evil out.

There is nothing particularly wrong about pool and billiards in themselves. The evil lies in the tendencies that surround a majority of the pool halls. And some of those in this city are unspcakably vile. They are dragging young boys down hill at a fearful rate.

We note that you say a great many parents step forward when the pinch comes and declare they gave their minor sons permission to frequent these places. If that is the case, what we need is a law that will let us everlastingly "soak" such fool parents. Their sons are not particularly to blame. If Mayor Brown and his official associates can frame up some plan to reach such delinquent parents they will be called blessed. In the meantime, bring the pool halls to time.

A WORD ABOUT THE LORD'S DAY.

The sporting editor of an Omaha paper intimates that Manager Holmes of the Lincoln ball team is figuring somewhat on playing Sunday ball games at a park to be located somewhere, near but just outside, the city limits. We haven't interviewed Manager Holmes concerning the rumor, but we opine that he has no such intention. If he has, then he is making the mistake of his life. Lincoln wants a good ball team, and will give it a good support. But a vast majority of the people to whom Manager Holmes must look for support are not in favor of Sunday base ball.

The Wagworker is not opposed to Sunday base ball on religious grounds. Indeed, if it could be assured that Sunday base ball would not be followed by a long train of other things it would be inclined to favor it. But Sunday base ball means Sunday theatres, Sunday beer gardens, Sunday saloons, Sunday barber shops—in short, it would mean the introduction of what the "liberal element" calls "the continental Sabbath," which is another name for free and unbridled pleasure on the first day of the week commonly called Sunday.

The Wagworker is opposed to this. Not on religious or moral grounds, but on grounds of commonsense. The workingman with a family should spend his Sunday at home, visiting with his wife and little ones and resting up for the week of toil ahead of him. The unmarried workingman should not spend his rest day in carousal. He owes it to himself and to his employer to rest up and get in shape to deliver good work during the week.

The Omaha sporting editor above referred to intimates that the mayor and city authorities look with favor upon Sunday base ball. The Wagworker hasn't felt it necessary to interview the mayor and his associates on that point in order to feel assured that the intimation is not true.

Let us give Lincoln a beautiful park where the people may enjoy themselves sanely and soberly on Sunday, and let us not make the mistake of letting down the bars to the "wide open Sunday" that other cities have tolerated.

ARBITRATION, CONCILIATION.

Yes, we admit that labor unions have been guilty of resorting to the bomb and the torch. But that was in the early days of unionism. But the church has resorted to the torch, the stake, the thumbscrew and the rack.

The church has outgrown that sort of thing—in a large measure. It is still carrying the gospel of peace to the benighted Filipinos with Krag-Jorgensen and rapid-fire cannon to boot.

It took the church a thousand years to outgrow that sort of thing, too. Doesn't it come with poor grace for a church member to denounce the unions for not outgrowing in a century what it took the church ten centuries to outgrow?

Once in a while we hear of murder or riot in a labor dispute. But the murder and the riot is not chargeable to the unions—they must be charged to individuals. When a church member goes wrong it is unfair to charge the whole congregation with being criminals. Any church member will tell you that. But every time a member of a union smashes a "scab" over the head with a brick a lot of church members lay the blame upon the unions. When a preacher disgraces his calling it is unfair to say that all preachers are crooks. Any preacher will tell you that—and he tells the truth, too. But every now and then a preacher will get up and score the unions as a whole because some individual unionist has gone wrong.

Come, gentlemen; let us play fair. The trades unions are growing in grace, in knowledge and in strength. With grace and knowledge comes a willingness to act on the square. With strength comes a willingness to be kind. The trades unions are not teaching force and riot. They are teaching arbitration. They are practicing the art of conciliation. While the church is preaching the brotherhood of man the unions are practicing it. Neither the church nor the union is infallible. Let us exercise charity.

If the mine operators will just send out lecturers to tell the miners how to take care of their oriental rugs, doubtless all this trouble will be settled instanter.

"The Friendly List Edition" of The Wagworker will be a "peach." And the edition will be the largest ever put out by a labor paper in the west.

President Roosevelt has appointed ex-Congressman Loud of California to represent the United States at the international postal con-

gress. Loud is a frantic opponent of organized labor, a complacent tool of the corporations, and the man whom the labor unions of California defeated by congress by a majority of 6,000 in a district that was normally republican by 5,000 majority. The appointment of corporation tools and union haters to important government positions is an almighty poor way for President Roosevelt to show his friendship for organized labor.

A lot of The ageworker's esteemed contemporaries are entering able defenses of the National Civic Federation. Not for us. A lot of that association's members may be all right, but we are just a little afraid of trusting a laboring man's cause to an association presided over by August Belmont, the man who smashed the street railway union in New York and imported a thousand armed "scabs" to bring the union men to terms.

A poor devil laid down in the snow in the streets of Lincoln a few nights ago and froze to death. He was a consumptive and had no place to go. The next time the Home Department of the Woman's Club has a lecture on the "care of oriental rugs" it ought to have it at night. Some poor fellow might drop in and get warmed.

An eastern judge has just decided that a firm of "scab" hat manufacturers can use an imitation union label because the complainants, the union haters, not being manufacturers themselves, have no right to claim ownership or control of a label. Gosh, but some judges go a long way to do the dirty work of their owners!

The Traction Company's tax case is settled. There is now no reason why the company should not bestir to give the people those long promised improvements. And if the company does the right thing without losing any more time, a whole lot will be forgiven it.

A lot of democratic leaders are complaining that the republicans have been stealing their political thunder. Well, what of it? Both sides will have plenty of noise—and that will be about all. The politicians will go right ahead with their plundering.

If you are the true wife of a true union man you will not read the "rat" Woman's Home Companion, the "rat" Housekeeper, the "rat" Delineator, or cut out your dresses by "rat" patterns sold by the Butterick company.

There are 2,500,000 children under sixteen years of age working in the mills, mines, factories and shops of the United States. A majority of them are not interested in "the care of oriental rugs."

Eugene V. Debs helped neither himself nor his cause by his recent frantic outburst concerning Moyer and Hayward. This isn't the time to talk about bullets and torches—not yet.

The pulpit is getting over on our side. When the churches and the unions get to fighting for truth and justice side by side there is going to be something doing that will be worth while.

The trouble with a whole lot of parents is that they are only too glad to shoulder off on the teachers and the school board the attention they owe to their own children.

All the prayers a man can utter will not relieve him of the infamy of running a "sweat shop" or profiting from the unrequited toil of women and children.

If you have not read Upton Sinclair's book, "The Jungle," you ought to lose no further time. It's the greatest book of the year—even if it is socialistic.

The next thing we know Mr. Post, in his anxiety to protect the public, will be demanding uniform divorce laws.

John B. Stetson, the "scab" hat manufacturer, died a millionaire because he could not afford to pay decent wages to his employes.

Spot the congressman who votes for a ship subsidy. It is a rotten steal from the pockets of the people.

You are supporting The Wagworker when you patronize the merchants who advertise in its columns.

Every taxpayer should incorporate himself and get a compromise on his taxes.

The demoralizing pool halls must go. And they must go at once.

TIME TO MAKE A CHANGE.

A Little More Inquiry Into Railroad Accidents by the Coroner.

The Wagworker has been watching this thing of coroner's inquests on victims of railroad accidents and it believes that the time has come to make a protest against the way these so-called inquests have been conducted. Several times during the past six months horrible accidents by rail have taken place in Lincoln and Lancaster county, and the inquests have either been very perfunctory or mere farces. All too often the coroner has decided on his own motion that "no inquest was necessary."

Whenever a life is sacrificed on a grade crossing or in a railroad yard simple justice demands that the fullest and fairest investigation be made of all the facts. And this thing of carefully selecting juries that may be depended upon to relieve the corporations of all blame must be stopped. Human life is too precious to be sacrificed without giving the matter a second thought. The coroner is supposed to look after the interests of the public, and not to look after the interests of the corporations.

The Wagworker refused to take any part in the county campaign last fall for the reason that it did not think the interests of labor were materially concerned. But after careful investigation it has come to the belief that the time has come to protest against the way things are being conducted. The coroner is altogether too careful of the interests of the corporations and entirely too neglectful of the interests of those dependent upon the victims of corporate neglect. Whatever little commercial interests the coroner may have on the side in the way of agreements with undertakers is of no immediate concern, although it is the opinion of this

newspaper that a coroner who will make such agreements is in mighty small business. But this thing of perfunctory and seemingly influenced inquests on the victims of railroad accidents is of considerable concern, and The Wagworker, believing it voices the opinion of a majority of the people, declares that the time has come for an immediate reform.

IS THIS FAIR?

The Commercial Club Fails To Practice Its Preaching.

At the Wednesday meeting of Lincoln retailers to consider ways and means of relieving themselves of advertising "fakes," Mr. J. E. Miller offered a resolution which was unanimously adopted. The Wagworker believes the merchants have acted wisely as a whole, but perhaps Mr. Miller and other members of the Commercial Club will pardon us for calling attention to what we consider a very bad case of preaching without practicing. Among other things coming under the ban of the advertisers, according to the resolution presented by Mr. Miller and adopted by the meeting was, "All newspaper schemes of every character when presented by promoters or agents other than those usually employed."

This, of course, is aimed at The Wagworker's "Friendly List" edition, which is being promoted by experts in that line who have been employed by this paper for that purpose. Of course the advertisers of this city are warranted in choosing their own advertising mediums and in cutting out anything they so desire. But we desire to ask Mr. Miller and his business associates of the Commercial Club if The Wagworker's action in securing the services of outsiders to help it extend its business is one whit worse than the action of the Commercial Club in sending to a little village in Iowa for a secretary for the aforesaid Commercial Club?

"O, we could not get an expert secretary in Lincoln," will be the reply.

Very well. Neither could The Wagworker secure an expert in its line in Lincoln. No win all fairness The Wagworker submits to Mr. Miller, Mr. Rudge, Mr. Herpolsheimer, Mr. Mayer and others, that they are unfair in putting under the ban a business institution that is merely following the illustrious example they set when they went to Waterloo, Iowa, for a secretary for the Commercial Club. And we will leave it to these gentlemen if The Wagworker is not right in its contention.

WHAT UNIONISM HAS DONE.

A Splendid Record of Achievement Made in One Short Century.

For the benefit of the new man in the labor movement who knows nothing of the conditions which prevailed prior to the establishments of well organized and equipped unions, let us revert to conditions which existed then in comparison with the conditions now made through the labor organizations.

Before the advent of trade unions, or less than one hundred years ago, men, women and children worked thirteen and fourteen hours per day and in a great many places sixteen hours. History shows that in 1780 the workmen and women started work in the morning at 4 o'clock, at 10 o'clock they had an hour for lunch and at 3 o'clock an hour for dinner, from which time they worked until darkness. As late as 1836 women and children began work in some factories in New England at 4:30 in the morning and worked an hour or two after sunset. One hundred years ago the bricklayers in New York worked fourteen hours a day for 50 cents a day; today they have an eight-hour work day at 60 cents an hour.

It is said that a union man named Michael Menton wrote a letter to one of the papers describing the condition of the bricklayers and while all of his charges were found to be true, he was arrested for libel and sentenced to sixty days in jail. Hence, to even say a word in defense of labor in those days was a crime.

The original American factories were governed by the most outrageous and oppressive regulations, in which the worker had no voice. There was a time in the history of this country when the workers were taxed to support the churches and were fined if habitually absent from religious worship. Some able writers and historians have clearly proven that in some factories women and children were lashed with a rawhide if the overseer detected them snatching a moment's rest.

Herbert N. Casson says the city of Washington was built by workers who received about 50 cents a day and worked from sunrise to sunset; that at the commencement of the nineteenth century wages in New York were 40 cents a day; in Baltimore, 36 cents, and that the average rate all over the country was \$65 a year, with board and sometimes lodgings.

These frightful conditions, low wages, long hours, poverty and degradation have been gradually overcome and steadily improved through trade union activity. In a great many organized trades the worker receives more in one month at eight hours' labor per day than was formerly received by similar workmen in one whole year.—Cigarmakers' Journal.

THE LABOR PRESS.

Growing in Strength and Doing Better Work All Along the Line.

The labor press gives constant evidence of its improving service to the cause of labor's interests, and a clearer perception of the attitude and position it occupies to the trade union movement. There is perceptible improvement and efficiency as time goes on. There are published now 185 official journals issued monthly or oftener by American international unions, and 179 weekly labor papers, all devoted to the defense and advocacy of labor's interests, nearly all of which are stoutly espousing the trade union movement and the American Federation of Labor. Though better support is now given to the labor press than heretofore, it is still of an unsatisfactory character. The service which the labor press renders our fellow-workers is incalculable in dollars and cents. In saying the right word at the right time to place labor's side before the world upon any given controversy or point at issue, many advantages are gained as well as the best possible showing made for the cause and the movement, which, despite their nobility and grandeur, yet have too few friends and advocates. We can not too strongly urge our fellow-workers and friends to give the labor press loyal and tangible support.—American Federationist.

Rev. P. M. Orr accepts the challenge to the ministers, reprinted from the Chicago Public last week, and writes an interesting letter to 'The Wagworker'. We never doubted Bro. Orr's willingness to stand up and be counted.

The pet monkey of a Washington, D. C., family died last week and was given an ostentatious funeral—flowers, hearse, crepe, and all that. Hell's full of such fools.

Lincoln unionists spend upwards of \$3,000,000 with Lincoln merchants every year. Make every dollar of it count for unionism by demanding the label.

The oppressor of the poor may pray loud and long—and he generally does—but he cannot fool God, however much he may deceive men.

The politicians in Omaha are busy fixing political slates. Will the slatemakers give organized-labor representation on the ticket?

A label in the hat is better than a lot of "hot air" conversation from beneath a "scab" headpiece.

Is your house swept with a convict made broom? If it is your union card is a lie.

Are you a union man, or just a member of the union?

Some things are an awfully long time eventuating.

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204 Sheets, size 81 by 90 inches, at 65c each

These sheets are standard Atlantic muslin.

Miller & Paine

Top and Bottom

Hats for instance. They go on top. "The roof of man," so to speak. Well we can "roof" you. Just received the finest line of hats we ever had. All the latest shapes and color stiff, slouch, crush. As good as the best, from \$1.50 to \$3.00. All you pay for is the hat—nothing for some firm's name. They're got the label in them, too.

NOW FOR THE BOTTOM

Shoes, of course. The "foundation of man," as it were. We can furnish the foundation. If there is any one thing more than another of which we are proud it is our line of Shoes, from \$1.50 to \$4.00. And we guarantee that these are none better for the money. We can fit your feet and your purse.

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E. B. SLOSSON

GENERAL AGENT

JUSTICE FOR MULES.

Unionist stands for humanity to dumb beasts as well as humanity to man. The mule drivers in mine No. 6, Terre Haute, Ind., struck because they believed that the mules were not getting enough to eat. They remained out until the company took up the case and promised to supply enough hay and grain for the hungry mules.—Minneapolis Union.

LIST OF UNION LABELS.

Every union member, or sympathizer is urged when making purchases or having work done, to demand the following union labels which have been endorsed by the American Federation of Labor:
United Hatters,
International Typographical Union,
Allied Printing Trades, Journeymen Cigarmakers International Union,
Wood Carvers Association,
Shoos and Shoe Workers Union,
Wood Workers International Union,
United Garment Workers,
Tobacco Workers International Union,
Journymen Tailors Union,
Iron Molders Union,
Journymen Bakers and Confectioners,
Coopers International Union,
Team Drivers International Union,
United Brotherhood of Leather Workers on Horse Goods,
National Union of United Brewery Workers,
International Broommakers Union,
International Union Carriage and Wagonmakers,
International Association of Brick, Tile and Terra Cotta Workers,
International Association of Allied Metal Mechanics (Bicycle Workers),
Glass Bottle Blowers Association,
Metal Polishers, Buffers, Platers and Brass Workers Union,
International Association of Machinists,
International Union of Journeymen Horseshoers,
International Association of Watch Case Engravers,
International Ladies' Garment Workers Union,
American Federation of Musicians,
Shirt, Waist and Laundry Workers International Union,
International Jewelry Workers Union,
American Wire Weavers Protective Association,
American Federation of Labor,
Photographers International Union,
International Brotherhood of Blacksmiths,
Amalgamated International Association Sheet Metal Workers International Union,
Journymen Barbers International Union,
Retail Clerks International Protective Association,
Hotel and Restaurant Employees International Alliance and Bartenders International League of America,
Actors National Protective Union,
Metal Cutters and Stencil Workers,
Stove Mounters International Union,
International Steel and Copper Plate Printers,
United Cloth Hat and Cap Makers,
International Brotherhood of Paper Makers,
United Gold Beaters National Union,
International Union of Wood, Wire and Metal Lathers,
Amalgamated Rubber Workers International Union,
Elastic Goring Weavers International Union,
International Printing Pressmen's Union,
National Association of Machine Printers and Color Mixers,
Theatrical Stage Employees International Alliance,
Trunk and Bag Workers International Union,
United Powder and High Explosive Workers.

"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 any 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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