

WAGELABORER

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A POINT WELL TAKEN.

Elsewhere in this issue appears a communication signed by L. D. Woodruff, manager of the Woodruff-Collins Printing Co., of this city. The Wageworker desires to call the special attention of all unionists to Mr. Woodruff's article because it refers directly and without equivocation to a matter which has not received sufficient attention at the hands of organized labor.

In the beginning, the Wageworker must disclaim any knowledge of most of the facts to which Mr. Woodruff specifically refers. It was aware that the employe in question had jumped a number of bills, including one little over to the editor, but further than that this paper was not informed. Obviously a trades union can not undertake to act as a collection agency, but certainly a trades union should take steps to protect fair employes from the dishonesty of employes. Before the union to which this particular employe belonged issued him a traveling card charges should have been preferred against him and the interests of the employer thoroughly protected. This matter of protection is not one-sided by any means. If unionism is ever to accomplish its best results it must bear in mind the fact that it means justice for the employer as well as for the employed, and no union can afford to protect a member when that member imposes upon the employer, robs him without compunction and deserts his post without provocation. The union man who will treat an employe as this particular employe treated Mr. Woodruff is worse than the "scab" and does trades unionism more injury than a hundred honest union men can balance in a year.

The Wageworker hastens to assure Mr. Woodruff and all other fair employes that if they have any just grievances they are cordially invited to make them known. The columns of this newspaper are just as freely offered to fair employes as it is to union men. And the Wageworker will work just as earnestly to protect fair employes as it will to advance the interests of unionism. It is under obligations to Mr. Woodruff for his very frank communication, but he need not apologize for "criminals" of the "scab" variety. Neither need he wax sarcastic about "doing things." The Wageworker makes no threats—it merely explains its purpose and then says just what pleases it. This humble little newspaper is one of the very few published in this country whose editor does not have to consult with or yield to any man, set of men or corporations before taking a stand.

Dismissing Mr. Woodruff's acrid sarcasm as merely the justifiable expressions of a man who has been wronged, the Wageworker cheerfully declares that it is just as insistent as Mr. Woodruff can be that the trades unions should do more than they are doing to protect honest and fair employes against "crooks" who have, unfortunately, found their way into the unions.

FOOLISHNESS, ALL FOOLISHNESS.

Chicago unions are whistling against the wind with their anti-injunction league scheme and their slogan about "free speech and trial by jury." The plan looks good on paper, but it isn't worth a burrah in Halifax. Judges who issue injunctions like that issued by Holdom, or those issued by Jackson of Pennsylvania, do not care a snap about public sentiment, and all the anti-injunction leagues this side of the river Jordan would have no more effect on them than water on a duck's back. Why fool away valuable time on such visionary schemes?

There is just one cure for the injunction evil—law. And there is just one way to get the law—elect the right men to the legislature and to congress. And there is just one way to elect such men—vote for those regardless of their political affiliations. The remedy for every evil of a political or civic nature than labor endures today has a remedy at the ballot box. If Holdom had not been elevated to the bench he could not have issued his damnable injunction. If workmen had not voted for Holdom he would not have been elected. What good will it do for union men to form anti-injunction

Holdom stripe? Foolishness, all foolishness!

Get the laws we want. Then elect judges who will construe them in accordance with their original intent. Reform the federal judiciary by making it elective instead of appointive. And while working for these reforms make the injunction ridiculous by violating it and going to jail in droves. But anti-injunction leagues—no sense!

ARCHBISHOP KANE'S DENIAL.

A few weeks ago the Associated Press papers throughout the country quoted Archbishop Kane of Dubuque as saying that labor unions were schools of thievery, and other things to equal effect. Naturally a lot of labor papers "jumped" on the prelate and scored him unmercifully for his utterances. The Wageworker did not. It felt quite sure that Archbishop Kane never said it, and it was equally sure that some feather-brained reporter, more anxious for a "good story" than he was for the truth, had either deliberately misquoted the archbishop or misunderstood him. Reporters for sensational and corporation papers have a bad habit of misunderstanding public men.

Now comes Archbishop Kane with a denial of the whole thing. He did deliver an address on labor topics, but he did not attack labor unions. On the contrary, he had good words for their good qualities and harsh words for their shortcomings. What he did say was that the union man who did not deliver a fair day's work for a fair day's wage was as much a thief as the employer who refused to give a fair day's wage for a fair day's work. And there isn't a union man who is honest—and all union men should be—who will deny the assertion.

Over in France, whenever a man gets into any kind of trouble, the first question asked is: "Who is the woman?" In the United States, when a daily newspaper prints an attack on unionism, the first question to ask is: "What selfish corporation or corporations have strings on that newspaper?" No matter who he is, nor what party he belongs to, the candidate for the legislature from Lancaster county who will not pledge himself to work for and vote for a bill abolishing convict competition in the Nebraska penitentiary will be opposed by this newspaper, and opposed to the limit. This is final. And every candidate will be given ample opportunity to tell where he stands.

The national eight-hour law does not apply in the Panama canal zone because it is to the interests of a lot of exploiters to have it set aside. The next step will be to set it aside in other places where the flag floats—Washington, New York, Chicago, Omaha, Denver, Frisco and other places.

If money will assure Moyer and Hayward a fair trial the money will be provided. But money will not insure it. On the contrary, if money can insure a conviction it will be conviction, sure. All that organized labor demands is a fair trial, no favors and justice for every man.

The railroads are paid \$30,000,000 a year more than they should be paid for transporting the mails. And yet some people profess their inability to see why the railroads should take so much interest in the election of congressmen and senators.

Securing the abolition of convict competition is of a blamed sight more importance to the union men of this state than the election of a partisan United States senator. Do not be deceived by the partisan cry this trip.

Nearly 10 per cent of all the shoes worn by citizens of the United States were made by convicts in state penitentiaries. Look for the label if you do not want to wear convict-made shoes.

The former secretary of the Citizens' Alliance at Denver says the president of that body is a liar, and the president says the former secretary is a grifter. It is pleasant to hear the enemy speaking the truth so plainly.

Gompers advises union men to get into politics. Mitchell advises union men to get into politics. But they mean by that advice that union men should take their unionism into politics.

"It's union made, but they did not put the label on it," is a very familiar song sung by some merchants. Don't you believe it! If it is union made, it will have the label.

While you are looking for the union label on your printing, do not forget to look for some unionism in the candidates for office for whom you vote.

If the shoe is union made it will have the union stamp on it somewhere. Do not be deceived. Look for the stamp.

Debs is still hollerin' for a million men with guns. If he had 'em some sheriff would arrest the whole bunch.

You can not tell by the size of the label on a candidate's card how much unionism he has in his heart.

The union man who wears "scab" goods is no better than the "scab" who made them, if it's good.

Every man who favored ignoring the

eight-hour law in the Panama canal zone should be spotted by organized labor and retired to private life at the first opportunity.

If The Wageworker seldom or never contains any news about your local, perhaps the difficulty could be remedied by your sitting down and writing a few lines about it.

Retail stores would soon begin closing early on Saturday evening if the men and women who profess to believe in the shorter work day would do their duty.

A lot of union men never think of telling what good union men they are until they get tanked up, and then they talk about it until everybody's head aches.

After the pool halls have been reformed a whole lot of reformatory work among fool parents should be inaugurated.

If the miners strike they ought to wait until the operators are not more than willing to have a strike.

A strike of miners at this time would be very much like a strike of ice cutters in July.

Take your unionism to the ballot box, but keep politics out of your unions.

Clean union hands are union hands washed with union soap.

UNION MADE.

God looks at your heart, not at your card.

"The strikeless strike"—demanding the label.

Unionism in the heart is better than a working card in the pocket.

Union talk never sounds good coming from under a "scab" hat.

A whole lot of union men ought to take some of it home with them.

There is no difference between being a "scab" and patronizing "scabs."

Every time you buy a labeled article you help put the unfair employers out of business.

One way to "support" a labor paper is to trade with the merchants who advertise in it.

Organized labor has suffered more from the foolishness of its leaders than it has from the attacks of its enemies.

The greatest labor parade in history will be the one wherein union men walk to the polls and vote as a unit in the interests of labor.

CHURCH AND LABOR CO-OPERATING.

The churches do care for the workingman. That is why they sometimes go to the shop at the noon hour in the person of the preacher and others, to present the gospel of love and fellowship. That is why they go to the workingman's home in the person of the church visitor. That is why they minister to the everyday needs of workingmen, as they have opportunity.

While there are occasions when the church should come out boldly in behalf of a particular reform measure, a moment's reflection will convince the honest critic that a general propaganda in behalf of every social reform measure which men sometimes expect the church to advocate, would soon result in endless confusion.

Far better is it to apply the principles of Christ to these problems, so that there may be a constant factor at work, which, in the end, will accomplish more than the agitation in favor of a temporary measure.

It was not the intention of the founder of the church that it should become an annex to any social, industrial or political organization; but by furnishing a Christian sentiment, the church disturbs the wrong wherever it exists.

Our churches are democratically organized. Laboring men have the franchise in our churches as fully as in our democratic nation. The church invites them to take as full a share in its government and work as they will.

Whatever misunderstandings may have existed in the past are being removed by a closer acquaintance and a mutual interchange of views. An institution which rests on a Christian basis should be in close fellowship with the church of Jesus Christ. It cannot take its place, nor can the church take the place of the labor union. But the two can work together in harmony in the common effort to uplift our fellowmen, and so to improve their condition as to make possible their moral and spiritual development, thus fitting them for happiness in this life and in the life to come.

The church and labor are not only co-laborers one with another, but together with Christ, who died that sin and selfishness might be destroyed, and He has sent us forth against the same old enemies. We cannot afford to look for a divided front to the enemy. The church and labor must unitedly concentrate their attention, their sympathy, their love and their choicest powers as Christ did his.

The church needs the workingman in this battle, just as the workingman needs the church.—Rev. Charles Stetzel.

THE PRESSMEN.

A Few Thoughts For the Boys Who Turn Wheels.

Next Friday evening, April 6, at 8, the Pressmen meet in regular session, and every member should be there to take an active part and have a voice in the meeting. See to it that things are done as you think and perhaps have said they should be. Pay your

dues and assessments promptly, as every member is working and can well afford to be straight, for you know you are not allowed the death benefit if not paid up. But if you can't pay up go anyway and show your good intention, for your going may be the means of some one else going. We should not belong to the union just because it's necessary to have a card to work in certain shops, but that we may be a help to one another and thereby help ourselves.

When we hear a man say, "The union never helped me," we know he is working long hours for small wages.

Roosevelt says, "More children." Capital says, "Longer hours." Unions say, "Shorter hours, and employ what we have."

What Lincoln needs is more active workers in the unions, men that live their unionism.

Some say that and that is the officers' duty to look after things. It is all our duty to be there and help the officers, and see that they are not imposed on by unprincipled employers and others. It is no snap to be an officer. They get the credit for all the meanness of the union.

Every one should take and read The Wageworker. Just stop and think what that little paper has done for the workingmen and unionism of Lincoln and vicinity. It has set people to thinking and opened the eyes of some, including the pulpit, to what unionism really is, to such an extent that it is being talked and lived more now than ever before.

ORIGIN OF THE BOYCOTT.

A Correspondent Has Discovered How an Ancestor Was a Victim.

Growing weary of perusing the current literature of the day, and feeling ancient after toiling at "The Works," I was led to search my family library for forgotten lore. I found a volume of many "books" that gave me a line on my genealogy. I became interested, for I had not read far before I discovered that one of my progenitors was the victim of what we call at the present day "the boycott."

To give you a line on my antiquity, I will state that I come from an "old timer." He seems to have been an autocrat in his way, and surely did enjoy a monopoly. But he was one of those hard-headed old fellows who rebelled on all law and order not of his own making. He insisted on "personal liberty," hence his downfall, and hence my being at the Works.

Now, it appears from this work of many "books," that this old dad of mine was a subject of a powerful King, who set certain laws, or rules, to govern him and his people. So long as my old ancestor dad obeyed these laws he and his had a monopoly, and all was well. But one day the old fellow got a "grouch" on him and said he would be a "free and independent citizen," and would not be dictated to by any one. He would run his own affairs in his own way. He talked it over with his wife, and they agreed.

The consequence: Adam could not withstand the edict of the boycott on that apple. He and his ate of the forbidden fruit. They defied the "boycott," they suffered the awful penalty of losing a monopoly—of banishment, of sin, and death.

I find a whole lot else in this volume of many "books" that is interesting reading to a student of economics, and would like to loan a volume of it to some of our recalcitrants, who think they can prosper by "kicking against the pricks," and be "free and independent citizens."

There's a whole lot more in it than bigotry, and I like many of its stories, laws, etc., even though it does sanction the "boycott," which so many "learned judges" would declare illegal. To boycott is simply a law of nature, as well as of economics, and all the injunctions in the world will not eradicate it—"Bab," in Washington Trades Unionist.

The only kind of advice that is ever taken is the rich relations, and only when he is there to see you do it.

A man never loves another for the enemies he has made if he happens to be one of them.

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION
State of Nebraska, office of Auditor of Public Accounts.

Lincoln, February 1, 1906.
It is hereby certified, that the Prudential Insurance company of America of Newark in the state of New Jersey, has complied with the insurance law of this state, applicable to such companies, and is therefore authorized to continue the business of life insurance in this state for the current year ending January 31, 1907.

Summary of report filed for the year ending December 31, 1905.

INCOME.
Premiums, \$45,012,227.04
All other sources, 4,291,195.23
Total, \$49,303,422.27

DISBURSEMENTS.
Paid policy holders, \$14,325,315.86
All other payments, 16,404,339.27
Total, \$30,729,655.13
Admitted assets, \$107,473,057.21

LIABILITIES.
Net reserve, \$88,233,975.00
Net policy claims, 625,418.86
All other liabilities, 5,223,638.75
Total, \$94,083,032.61

Capital stock paid up, 2,000,000.00
Surplus beyond capital stock and other liabilities, 14,090,024.60
Total, \$107,473,057.21
Witness my hand and the seal of the auditor of public accounts the day and year first above written.

E. M. SEARLE, JR.
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JOHN L. PIERCE, Deputy.

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