

# WAGELABORER

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## GET INTO POLITICS!

Union men ought to get into politics clean up to their eyebrows. Not as partisans, but as union men. The laboring man who allows himself to be ruled by partisanship is a chump. If there is a fool equal to the workingman who always votes the democratic ticket straight, regardless of whether it represents his interests or not, it is the workingman who always votes the republican ticket straight without stopping to assure himself that it represents his interests.

Just take a look at the last Nebraska legislature, for instance. It was overwhelmingly republican, but what did it do for the workingmen? Not a blessed thing. Its every move was taken for partisan reasons, and every law asked for by union men was shelved in committee. The last Georgia legislature was overwhelmingly democratic, and it gave no heed to the demands of the wage earners. It was actuated only by partisan considerations.

Now look at the congress of the United States. It is chock full of republicans and democrats who are always maneuvering for some partisan advantage, and it never has time to consider the needs of the working classes. Congress—both branches—is made up of two classes: lawyers who are in politics for a living, and millionaires who are there to look after the selfish interests of themselves and the great corporations they represent. Who put these men there? The men who work for wages. And what do the wage earners get out of it? The right to send in petitions that are ignored, the right to swell up and march on Labor day, and the satisfaction of being patted on the back every campaign by a lot of political shysters who make a living out of politics.

That's all.

Out of the nearly 500 senators and representatives in congress not more than a half-dozen know from actual experience what the wage earners of this country need. One-fifth of the voters of this country belong to labor unions, yet there isn't a representative union man in congress. Plenty of lawyers, though. If organized labor showed good sense on election day it would have close upon 100 live, energetic, influential representatives in congress. It will never have any until its members quit being partisans first and citizens and union men afterwards.

Wake up and get into the political game, you union men. Affiliate with any party you please, but don't let the party run you. Run the party. If the party goes wrong, bid it goodbye and let it go. A "bolter" is far better than the party-bound slave. A vote for principle is never lost, even if it be solitary and alone among a million.

If your party will not recognize your demands, look for a party that will. The man who proudly boasts that he never "split a ticket" merely boasts of his own idiocy.

Keep politics out of your unions, but for your own sake, and for the good of the country and of organized labor, take your unionism into politics.

## THE POT AND THE KETTLE.

It is stated in the dispatches that Senator Depew is going to vote to unseat Senator Smoot. Smoot is a Mormon, and Depew thinks he is unfit to sit in the American House of Lords. Fudge!

That reminds us of the story of the pot and the kettle.

Who is this ultra good Depew. He is the New York senator who so ably represents the Vanderbilt interests in the United States senate. He is also the fellow who was caught with the insurance loot upon his person. He is the urbane and polished lobbyist who used the money of policyholders to de-

bauch the elected representatives of the people.

And this is the man who is going to vote to unseat Smoot because Smoot is not a fit associate for other senators. Fudge!

Likewise Rats! And Pshaw!

President Roosevelt fears that the shortening of the working day would mean more time spent in the saloons by the workingmen. Perhaps. But would that be any worse than the millionaires who do not work at all spending all their time in "clubs" and assignation houses?

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San Francisco sufferers we'll wager a pretty penny that the labor unions are not ashamed of their share.

Get the label habit.

## SOME LABELED GOODS.

Of Wageworker Manufacture and There is No Copyright.

The man who blindly votes for party has no right to complain if his personal interests are assaulted.

A whole lot of union men forget to tell it until they get their hides filled with tangiefoot.

A "scab" hat never adorned the top of a levelheaded unionist.

If you just can't chew union made tobacco for heaven's sake quit the natty habit.

The real union man does not keep his unionism on his working card.

The bray of the jackass may be heard farther than the song of the bluebird, which may explain why Post is attracting so much attention.

## Spelling Reform.

Scratchily—"How do you spell 'ecstasy'?"

Jaberly—"You spelled it right."

Scratchily—"How's that?"

Jaberly—"X. T. C." That's the reformed way, you know."

## Proof.

Mr. Groucherly (father of the fair Gwendoline)—"What I want to know, Mr. Spoonamore, is whether or not your attentions are serious."

Mr. Spoonamore—"Well, Mr. Groucherly, all I can say in reply is that they are properly labeled."

Mr. Groucherly—"How's that?"

Mr. Spoonamore—"Well, here's the engagement ring, and if that isn't a union label I'd like to know what is."

## Uncle Squareman.

"I've often noticed," remarked Uncle Squareman, thrusting a quid of union made goods into his cheek, "that a whole lot of employers who profess to take a great interest in the laboring class also take the principal as well."

## Wrong Location.

"I have the welfare of my employes at heart," remarked the pious employer, rolling his eyes skyward.

"That's all right," responded the spokesman of the employe's delegation, "but what we want is a change of loca-

tion from your heart to your pocket-book."

## Limerick.

There was an old "scab" in Eau Claire: Who never could act on the square: He wouldn't pay dues But never would lues A chance to grab more than his share.

## Consistent.

"Is your husband a good union man?" "Indeed he is. He attends his family union meeting every evening, pays his dues regularly, and never dissents from the ruling of the chair. By the way, I'm chairman of our family union."

## A PRECIOUS PAIR.

Something About Defenders of "Scabs" That Makes for Immorality

Elbert Hubbard, editor of the Philistine, is just now engaged in the delectable task of busting the labor unions. He has examined them in the light of his "new thought" and reports that he has found them wanting. This is really too bad. The Hubbard outburst reminds us that there must be something about this union busting business that leads to disregard of the marital vows. As proof thereof we merely call attention to two of the most violent opponents of organized labor—Elbert Hubbard and Charles W. Post.

In a remarkable degree the lives of these two eminent union busters run in the same channels. Post divorced his wife in order to marry his stenographer. Hubbard divorced his wife in order to legalize his relations with a woman who, it is asserted, bore him children while he was yet wedded to another. We have had the opinion of this precious pair on unionism. Now we'd like to hear from their ex-wives on the subject of Post and Hubbard. It might make reading vastly more interesting than the maunderings of the "pastor" and the sawdust dope man.

## ONE OF THE FINEST.

The Lincoln Wageworker's handsome special edition came to our desk this week. It contains 126 columns of ads and 24 pages. It is the greatest paper of the kind ever printed in Nebraska, and the Laborer congratulates Mr. Maupin. He deserves all that he got in that edition. We can see some one cut a big swath in Colorado Springs in August.—Western Laborer.

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