

WAGELWORKER

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"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 an 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."

PUT THEM TO GUESSING.

The political bosses are now engaged in the task of selecting the candidates that you and I are expected to vote for. These candidates will not be selected with a view to their fitness, nor with an eye single to the good of the county, state and nation. Of course a lot of people believe that selections are made with these ends in view, but that is because such people are suckers. The selections are being made with a view to strengthening personal pulls and the party machine.

Wouldn't it be a good joke if the people—the working people for instance—took it into their heads to give the political machines the go-by and proceed to elect a lot of men who would owe their allegiance to the people instead of to the machine? Suppose, for instance, the union men of Lancaster county suddenly took it into their heads to control some of the offices that have to do with the employment of labor, like the commissioners. They would proceed to insist, first, upon the nomination of a union carpenter or two, a union bricklayer or two or a couple of union painters. Then, if they were sensible, they would cast their votes solidly for the labor candidates, and elect them, too. Then, when a bridge contract came up instead of being made a political plum it would be made a labor plum and union bridge builders would get the work and the profit instead of a "scab" contractor. Wouldn't that be fine?

Or, suppose, for instance, we as union men determined to have one of our own number in congress. We would first try to have the two great political parties make satisfactory nominations. Failing in that we would proceed to make an independent nomination by petition. Of course we would get licked out of our boots the first time, but the next time the minority party would be looking for our votes and would let us select the candidate. Then we could elect a man who would go to Washington and represent us instead of the corporations and political manipulators who traffic in the public offices. Wouldn't it be a fine thing to have fifty or sixty able, consistent, hustling labor congressmen doing business for us at Washington?

Say, boys, just for the fun of the thing let's put the political manipulators to guessing. Let's give them a chance to nominate the right kind of men for the legislature from Lancaster county, and if they don't do it let us go right in and elect two or three on our own hook. We can do it, and after we do it once we'll have the managers of the two old parties kow-towing and salaaming to us the next time a campaign comes on. Wouldn't that be a situation worth working for?

SINGING THE SAME OLD SONG.

Last week a man who carries a union card said of The Wageworker: "O, it is forever singing the same old song about 'the label.' Will it never get tired?"

Not while you, the editor or The Wageworker lives, dear brother. That's what this Glorious Banner of Industrial Liberty was founded for—to boost for the label.

The man quoted above carries a union card. And when he was complaining about so much "label stuff" in this little newspaper he was wearing a "scab" hat, and it's dollars to doughnuts he also wore "scab" clothing and "scab" shoes. If they were labeled it was through no action on his part. He is just a member of his union—he lacks a lot of being a union man. And he isn't the only one of the species in Lincoln, either. If he was the only one unionism in this town would be wonderfully fortunate. The trouble is that a lot of otherwise good union men are careless. They never

think of anybody's label but their own. "Gosh, I forgot to ask for the label!" The editor has heard that excuse a thousand times since he started this label agitation. It's the poorest excuse in the world. The man who makes it would be the first to holler his head off if a union man bought a "scab" article made by his line of trade.

Yes, sir; The Wageworker is going to keep right on singing the "Union Label Song," and it expects the chorus to grow louder and stronger every week.

GOOD FOR MAYOR SCHMITZ.

Who is this man, Eugene Schmitz, mayor of San Francisco, of whom all the great daily newspapers are singing praises because of his splendid course of action during the dark days that have befallen the city by the Golden Gate?

God bless your soul, my brother; that is the very same man that these very same daily papers were denouncing as an "anarchist," a "pothouse politician," a "dangerous agitator," a "tool of an infamous labor trust," a "cat's paw for dishonest villains who were exploiting labor." It is the very same Eugene Schmitz that was cursed and reviled and denounced in the fiercest language by every union hater, sweat shopper and public exploiter in the land. He was the candidate of the union men of San Francisco, and the first time he was elected he defeated a republican and a democrat. The next time the two old parties combined against him, and every daily newspaper in San Francisco save one bitterly opposed him. But he whipped the combined opposition to a standstill. All the vile names that his opponents could call him were applied to him, but the working people knew him and trusted him.

Today the papers that denounced him most bitterly are praising him for his ability, his courage, his executive shrewdness and his knowledge of how to handle a situation such as never before confronted the mayor of an American city.

Organized labor has a right to be proud of Eugene Schmitz.

Here's a proposition: We assert that the 45,000 union printers in the United States and Canada contributed more per capita to the San Francisco sufferers than any single church denomination. We assert that the union carpenters of the United States contributed more per capita to the same cause than any single church denomination. We further assert that each and every trades union in the United States contributed more per capita than each and every church denomination. And Bishop McCabe says he and his church are opposed to institutions like these.

Local men who control the supply of ice get together and raise the price arbitrarily. That's business. A few skilled mechanics who control the supply of work in their trade get together and demand an increase of wages and strike to enforce their demand. That's anarchy.

Sam Parks, labor agitator, went to jail for grafting. Any millionaires jailed for violating the law against granting rebates? None that we have heard of. One, however, was convicted and appointed to a cabinet position by President Roosevelt.

There are more children under fifteen years of age working in mills, mines, factories and sweat shops in the United States than there are in Germany, Italy and Great Britain combined. Yet we are sending missionaries to China!

Wouldn't it be a fine thing if organized labor had a few men in the senate to put up as good a fight for organized labor as Aldrich, Knox, Lodge and a few other senators have put up for the railroads during the freight rate fight?

Mr. Parry has written a book. It is as poor as the wages he pays and as interesting as his arguments in favor of "free and independent workmen." That means that Mr. Parry's book is good for junk. We tried to read it.

"American Industries," the Parry organ, advises its readers to quit speaking of "non-union men" and begin calling them "freemen." Wouldn't that lengthen your working day?

How much longer will workmen allow themselves to be hauled to the polls by the nose by a lot of political bosses who make a living by political manipulation.

You can accomplish more for unionism by walking a block to patronize a friend than you can by standing on a street corner and "knocking" your enemies.

As long as organized labor patronizes its enemies its friends will be few.

A number of Nebraskans have been mentioned for governor, congress, sen-

ate and legislature. All mentioned for the senate are lawyers, all but one mentioned for governor are lawyers, all mentioned for congress with a single exception are lawyers. And there hasn't been a union man mentioned for office during the whole time. What's the use? The union men will continue to vote for their industrial enemies—unless they get wise.

One trouble with the union labor movement is the slowness of union men to educate themselves and study industrial and political conditions.

One trouble with the union labor movement is that union men do not exert themselves to interest their wives in the movement.

Isn't it about time for Charles W. Grapevats to throw another fit or get a divorce and marry a new stenographer?

Union hands cleansed with "scab" soap soil every union task undertaken.

Look for the label. Demand the label. Do not take it without the label.

The mechanic without a union is as helpless as a ship without a rudder.

Labor's influence in congress is as strong as Christianity in hell.

A little more unionism at the polls will help things a lot.

Patronize the ice trust and look pleasant.

PROPERLY LABELED.

Manufactured in The Wageworker Office and Subject to All Shears.

Talk is a good dog, but Action is a better one.

A label in the hat is worth more than union talk through "scab" smoke.

Do not take off your unionism when you leave the union hall.

The real union man tells it to his wife.

A lot of people who shudder at chattel slavery think nothing of soul slavery.

The wife spends most of her husband's money. If the husband is a good union man he will impress upon his wife's mind the necessity of spending the money with labor's friends.

A man without a union is a man without industrial hope.

One loud demand for the label is better than an hour of "hot air" unionism on the street corner.

Limerick.

A good union man of Barnstable Swore loudly, "As long as I'm able To lift up my voice In expression of choice I'll call for the old union label."

To Be Sure.

"I am heartily in favor of large families," exclaimed the well dressed gentleman. "I rejoice when I see an American father and mother walking down the street followed by a numerous progeny, sturdy, healthy and strong."

Naturally we were interested in the gentleman's remarks.

"Have you a large family?" we asked.

"No; I have only one child—a daughter. And she is the apple of my eye. Nothing is too good for her."

Filled with rejoicing at such parental devotion we presumed to ask one more question:

"Why then, do you favor large families?"

"I need the children to work in my cotton mills," replied the well dressed gentleman.

Then it dawned upon us that he could well afford to dress his daughter in the finest, because she wore the accumulated labor of underpaid children.

Needs a Change.

"I always stand up and speak for the workingman!" exclaimed the professional politician.

"Well, we wish you'd sit down and give us a chance to see over you," replied the disgusted union man who had been balked at the polls ever since he could remember.

Located.

"Is Bingerly a 'square man'?" "He says he is, but he is always hanging 'round complaining."

First Labor Union Bank.

Chicago, Ill., May 14.—The Trade Union Bank of Chicago, the first institution of its kind in this country, is to open its doors for business tomorrow. The bank is to draw its support from the 671 labor unions of Chicago and their individual memberships. Savings, checking and loan departments will be maintained. The bank has a capital of \$50,000, and was chartered under the laws of Arizona.

The Store That Sells Union-Made Shoes For Women

Buy Union-Made Shoes at Mayer Bros.

It is not necessary to be rich to dress well.

Every man owes it to himself, his family and his friends to be as well dressed as his condition in life will permit :: :: :: :: :: :: ::

Mayer Bros.' Clothing

is not cheap where cheap is applied to quality, nor are Mayer Bros.' Clothing high priced

Buy Union-Made Hats at Mayer Bros.

Do You Wear Mayer Bros.' Clothing? You ought to. Just think it over.



"If You Don't Buy Pants of ELIAS BAKER PANTS CO. You Don't Buy Pants Right"

118 South 11th St.

LINCOLN, NEB.

TRADES INSURANCE.

Movement to Form a Big Life Company Composed of Unionists.

That a movement is under way for the organization of a life insurance company for the benefit of union labor developed during the discussion of the subject in the convention of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union of America, at Cincinnati, Ohio. It has been left to the members of the organization to look into the matter and later report to President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor. All members of labor unions in America will be asked to withdraw from the old line companies and give their support exclusively to the labor company. The subject has already been presented to a number of labor organizations and favorably considered by them.—Streator Trades and Labor Gazette.

A SUCCESSFUL RECEPTION.

Last Saturday, from 2 to 10:30 p. m., the Lincoln Gas & Electric Light Co. kept "open house" for its friends and patrons, and a more successful function was never witnessed in Lincoln. Fully 3,000 people attended, and the ladies were given flowers and punch while a demonstration of the use of fuel gas was given. Music enlivened the occasion and the courteous employees were kept busy handling the large crowds.

The management has every reason to feel proud of the success of their efforts to entertain and please their patrons and prospective customers, and those who attended the reception must certainly have been impressed with the features of the occasion.

Crockery Specials Saturday Only

The dinner sets may be had in pink, blue, gold and green decorations with gold lines and traced knobs and handles. The separate pieces are plain white.

100-piece decorated Dinner Sets, regular price \$9.50, special.....	\$8.45
100-piece decorated Dinner Sets, regular price \$12.00, special.....	\$8.85
100-piece decorated Dinner Sets, regular price \$12.50, special.....	\$9.50
112-piece decorated Dinner Sets, regular price \$13.50, special.....	\$9.75
100-piece decorated Dinner Sets, regular price \$12.50, special.....	\$9.85
100-piece decorated Dinner Sets, regular price \$14.50, special.....	\$10.00
112-piece decorated Dinner Sets, regular price \$18.25, special.....	\$15.00
Tea Cups and Saucers, a pair.....	5c
Fruit Saucers, each.....	3c
Pie Plates, each.....	3c
Tea Plates, each.....	4c
Breakfast Plates, each.....	5c
Dinner Plates, each.....	6c
Soup Bowls, each.....	5c
Wash Bowl and Pitcher.....	75c
Covered Chambers.....	35c
Covered Slop Jars.....	85c

(China Department, 3rd Floor.)

The store closes at Six O'clock Saturday Night

Miller & Paine

GREEN GABLES

The Dr. Benj. F. Bailly Sanatorium
Lincoln, Nebraska

For non-contagious chronic diseases. Largest, best equipped, most beautifully furnished.