

# WAGELABORER

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### NOW GET BUSY.

The American Federation of Labor has issued a ringing call to all union men to get into the political game this fall and endeavor not only to defeat for public office men who are antagonistic to organized labor, but to elect to public office trades unionists of ability and integrity. The call should be heeded by all trades unionists everywhere. Concerted political action is the only method we have now of meeting labor's enemies in the halls of legislation. The enemies of labor are in the saddle, and as long as we submit to it they will ride us, booted and spurred. The quickest remedy is at the ballot box.

Do not wait for your fellow unionists to act in other fields. Begin right here at home. Close your ears to the specious arguments of the political "fixers" who will urge you to "stand by Roosevelt," or "stand by the good old democratic party," or emphasize the plea that "we must elect the legislature in order to elect a United States senator." Let the senatorships take care of themselves for a time while we take care of the legislatures and secure the enactment of a few laws that labor needs and has never been able to secure from the old party machines.

Right here in Lancaster county trades unionists and their friends have a golden opportunity. The republican "fixers" refused to recognize union labor in the makeup of their county and legislative tickets. Not only that, but they endorsed an enemy of unionism and permitted him to select the delegation to the state convention in order to advance his candidacy for railroad commissioner. The republican leaders say that we should have asked them sooner so they could have made up the "slate" with a couple of union men on it. That sort of argument is for the consumption of "suckers." They should have recognized the union labor vote without being beseeched to do so. If we will do our whole duty as union men we will emphasize the fact that it is the duty of the machine politicians to come to us, not wait for us to go to them and ask on bended knees for recognition.

Personally The Wagelaborer doesn't care a continental whoop who is elected United States senator from Nebraska. There is no possibility of securing the election of a union man, or even an active friend of unionism. Of course all the candidates will declare their friendship, but that's what they all do—before election. We will get just as much from a republican tool in the senate as we can get from a democratic tool—and we'll get nothing but husks from either. So let us not be deceived by the senatorship argument.

Let us get busy and elect a couple of good union men to the legislature. The only hope now is through the minority party in Lancaster county. Let us put a spoke in the Winnett boom. Let us make our power felt at the polls, and then we will be considered always before conventions meet.

### THE APPRENTICE SYSTEM.

The Lincoln, Nebraska, Journal, commenting on the increasing difficulty of securing boy help in any craft or trade, enumerates what appears to it to be two or three of the leading reasons for this state of affairs. One reason given is "opposition to the apprentice system on the part of workmen." If the Journal's other reasons are no better than this they are worth nothing at all. Workmen do not oppose the apprentice system. On the contrary the leading trades unions recognize the apprentice system and provide for it. Workmen merely oppose filling a shop with alleged apprentices for the purpose of forcing down wages. The trades unions in sheer self-defense, limit the number of apprentices

to be taught at any one time, but they provide that properly indentured apprentices shall be given a thorough education in the trade selected. The charge that the unions oppose the apprentice system is unfounded. On the contrary they believe in it, advocate it and practice it. They merely refuse to permit the employers to use so-called apprentices in an effort to break down the labor organizations.

The Union Times of Jacksonville, Fla., is a new labor paper and a daisy. But it makes the mistake of referring to a lot of "knockers" who are trying to discount its efforts. A few months will convince the Union Times that a labor paper that is not "knocked" on isn't worth a tinker's dam.

The way for union men to get into politics is to bring about a state of affairs when the party bosses will come to the unionists and ask what they want instead of waiting for the unionists to go to the bosses and beg for something.

Mr. Longprayer will soon begin his annual stunt of saving a few souls, this being a vacation from his regular task of paying starvation wages to the owners of the souls.

Here's one way to help the labor cause along—nit: Just as soon as a fellow unionist begins to command public recognition, you begin to holler "grafter!"

Political bosses never will recognize the "labor vote" until the "labor vote" quits being the willing slave of the party boss.

The way to make the enemy feel the weight of union displeasure is to patronize the friends of unionism.

Get into the union game along the line of politics—not as partisans but as loyal American citizens.

If you are not getting ready for Labor Day you are not doing your duty as a unionist.

Eat "Egg-O-See" and see Post throw another fit.

If it is union made it will have the label in evidence.

### DO YOU KNOW?

That introducing an applicant into the union will do more good than all the kicking you can do in ten years?

That nothing is easier than fault-finding, no talent, no self-denial, no assurance, no care are required to set up in a grumbling business?

That those who are moved by a genuine desire to do good have little time for murmuring and complaint?

That a full attendance of members at each regular meeting adds much to the prosperity of the union?

That if the members would keep posted in regard to the workings of the union they would be better satisfied?

That the stability, usefulness and growth of a union depends greatly upon the proper management of its affairs?

That a man is a fool who pays dues into a union and then stands on a street corner and denounces it?

That the member who assumes an attitude of indifference and says that "officers and business agents are paid to do the work of the union, let them do it," is destroying unconsciously the very foundation principle of the union, co-operation?

That this attitude of don't care results in forcing the employment of more paid men, and therefore increases the cost of management, and he helps to pay the bills?

That a union is first what its members make it, no more, nor less; if it is lifeless, it is because the members do not make it lively and interesting. You are one of the union; what are you doing to put life and interest into its meetings?

That workmen are in a great measure responsible for the position they occupy? Too many of them, to their discredit be it said, would rather pull an angel down than help a mortal up.—The Carpenter.

### AN OPEN LETTER TO THE STATE JOURNAL.

To the State Journal, Lincoln, Nebraska.—In your issue of July 25 appears an article under the headline, "Lincoln's Labor Vote," and which contains so many misstatements that the wonder is how all of them could have appeared in an article of such short length. The article in question is as follows:

"Gossip is current in labor union circles that W. M. Maupin is a candidate for a democratic nomination to the state legislature from this county. It is reported that he and Mr. Greenlee, both labor union workers and demo-

### Trial of the Milwaukee.

The cruiser Milwaukee, in charge of Capt. George Harvey, and with the navy trial board on board, sailed July 23 for the Santa Barbara channel, where she will be given her government trial.

crats, engineered the scheme to make a demand in the name of organized labor on the republican county convention, at a late date in the campaign, for two candidates for the legislature. These candidates were named by Mr. Maupin, and it was threatened that unless they were nominated the labor union vote of this county would go bodily to the democratic candidates, provided of course the democratic party nominates labor union men on their ticket. Members of labor unions are beginning to demur. Some argue that this was a scheme engineered by interested parties to secure political advantage, and that by this means they hope to turn the entire labor vote over to the democrats. In this they will fail, it is argued, because there is a wide difference of opinion among members of unions as to how deep in political matters of this kind labor unions should become involved. Mr. Maupin made an effort to secure the congressional nomination two years ago, but failed."

If there is any gossip in union labor circles, or any other circles, that I am a candidate for legislative honors, let it cease at once, for under no circumstances would I accept a nomination for the legislature. Your insinuation that I had anything to do with engineering a scheme to force the nomination of two union men for the legislature by the republican county convention is without warrant. Your assertion that I selected the two candidates who were considered by the republican county convention is absolutely and unqualifiedly false. Your further insinuation that I have made threats that the labor vote will be taken into the democratic camp in revenge for the republican convention's ignoring of the labor vote is another of the same piece as previous assertions—absolutely untrue. If there be those who argue that it was a scheme to secure political advantage for the democratic party, they are mistaken, know they are mistaken, and repeat their mistake with wilful intent to deceive.

I have told the union men of Lincoln that I stand ready to support any good, able, honest and earnest trades unionist who is nominated for the legislature, or for any other office, regardless of his party affiliations. I advised the republican union men to secure if possible the nomination of a couple of union labor republicans on the republican legislative ticket. As a democrat I shall certainly strive to secure the nomination of a couple of good union democrats on the democratic legislative ticket. If the democrats refuse I can at least support a couple of trades unionists nominated by the socialists.

The Wagelaborer is not a party organ. It is not a disgruntled corporation that is kicking because it has been crowded away from the feed bin. As it has never had a job office attachment in which was printed surreptitiously a lot of books copyrighted by the state and sold for personal profit contrary to law and morals; it is not impelled to pick out a senatorial candidate in order to ease up a suit for heavy damages. It has never found it

necessary to have a street stolen by the passage of a midnight ordinance in order to get a switch track to its office door, therefore it has no preferred candidate for railroad commissioner in the person of a so-called anti-corporation mayor who sat up until 2 o'clock in the morning in order to sign the ordinance and permit a legalized stealing of the street before daylight. It is merely a little labor paper that doesn't

care a rap what a man's politics are just so he is honest, upright, industrious and a trades unionist. Neither has it ever found it necessary to lie about any man in order to advance a partisan scheme conceived in iniquity and born in sin. It has never found it necessary to lie about any man in order to further some political design. It is going to support whomsoever it pleases, regardless of whether it

interferes with selfish political schemes. It is not trying to lead anybody into any political camp. It is one of the very few newspapers in this section of the country that is absolutely owned and controlled by its editor, and he has no political ambitions, no political axes to grind and no preferred candidates for which to organize a press bureau.

WILL M. MAUPIN.

# Last Week of Our Great July Clearing Sale

## One Fifth Off on Dress Goods, Silks, Dress Gingham, Ribbons, Laces and Embroideries, Lace Hose, Corsets, Belts, White Goods and Ladies' Neckwear, Ladies' and Children's Underwear, Baby Hoods, Under Muslins, Table Linen, Napkins

If you have not yet stocked up with everything you need in Summer Goods "You'll have to hurry." This week is the last opportunity to get a general discount throughout the store.

White Goods  
Domestic Specials  
Towels  
Bed Spreads  
Ladies' Belts

Union made Collars for Men  
Union made Shoes  
**FRED SCHMIDT & BRO.**  
Lincoln, Nebr.

Dress Goods  
Wash Dress Goods  
Ladies' Neckwear  
Hand Bags  
Shoes

# The Greatest Clothing Opportunity of the Summer is now Here

If you have an eye to economy and want a swell summer suit, you shouldn't fail to take advantage of the phenomenal values we are offering.

Coat and trousers suits, single and double breasted styles, of distinctive cut, made of worsteds, cassimeres and flannels in handsome patterns, that formerly sold up to \$15, now

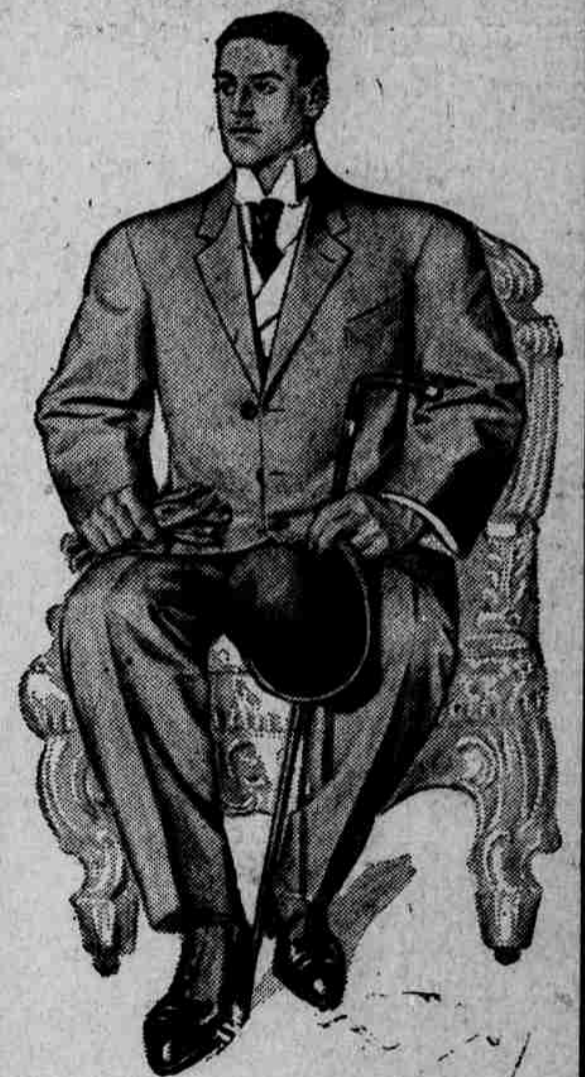
## \$6.50

Coat and trousers suits—the "cream" of our stock—in finest quality flannels, worsteds and cassimeres, single or double breasted; also blue serges—that were \$18 and \$20, now only

## \$10.50

### SEMI-ANNUAL SALE OF TROUSERS

- All pants that sold up to \$7.00 now..... **\$4.95**
- All pants that sold up to \$5.00 now..... **\$3.95**
- All pants that sold up to \$4.00 now..... **\$2.95**
- All pants that sold up to \$3.00 now..... **\$1.95**



The Lowest Prices and the Truth

