

WAGEWORKER

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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."

LABOR'S WATCHWORD.

We will stand by our friends and administer a stinging rebuke to men or parties who are either indifferent, negligent or hostile, and, whenever opportunity affords, secure the election of intelligent, honest, earnest trade unionists, with clear, unblemished, paid-up union cards in their possession.

HAVE YOU READ IT?

For several weeks The Wageworker has been printing "Labor's Call to Arms." It is not an anarchistic proclamation. It has no reference to muskets and swords and bombs. It does not hint at bloodshed or rapine. It is merely a proclamation from the officials of the American Federation of Labor calling upon union men everywhere to quit being political "suckers" and get into the political game right.

If you have not read the "call" it is merely an evidence that you have been neglectful of your duty. If you have been neglectful, now is a good time to cure that neglect by reading this sensible, calm and eminently fair presentation of labor's position. If you read it and do not realize your duty as a union man and as a citizen, it is evidence that you are entirely too partisan to be either a good unionist or a good citizen. The rank partisan can not be a model citizen. The man who boasts that he "never scratches his ticket" merely boasts that he is just an ordinary "damphool."

We want you to read "Labor's Call to Arms" because it will do you good, and it will also do the cause of labor good. Best of all, it will do the country good if the reading is followed by intelligent action. We are going to print this "call" right up to the time of election, and we are going to keep right on urging the union men to read it.

Now is the time of all times for union men to make their power felt in politics. When a man tells you that organized labor has no right to go into politics, you just investigate and see what his "pull" is. He'll have one somewhere. And if we do not get into politics as union men, not as partisans, we'll never get what's coming to us.

Vote for Smith and Quick for the legislature.

NOT BY A MILL SITE.

The Wageworker is in receipt of a proposition from the Woman's Home Companion, published by the Crowell Publishing Co., Springfield, O., asking this humble little newspaper to join with it in a clubbing proposition.

Not to insure the continuance of The Wageworker!

The Crowell Publishing Co. is a rank union hating concern which employs "rats" and "scabs" in all departments, and is managed by as blatant a lot of hypocrites as one could find by scratching the country with a fine-toothed comb. The Wageworker is not clubbing with that kind of publications. Not by a mill site!

The Woman's Home Companion is just now posing as the "official organ of the Anti-Child Slavery League."

Wouldn't that inflame your appendix!

An anti-union, long-hour-day, "scab" outfit posing as the friend of the child slaves. It would make the gods laugh were it not for the fact that it is calculated to make them swear.

The Woman's Home Companion doesn't give a tinker's darn for the child slaves. It has suddenly realized that the crusade against child slavery is a winner, and it sees therein a chance to secure a lot of advertising and a boom in its subscription. The opponent of child slavery who is involved into subscribing for the Crowell publication because of its posing as a friend of the little ones, will have good grounds for suit for obtaining

money under false pretenses. The Crowell Publishing Co. is hostile to the only force that has ever accomplished anything in the way of abolishing child slavery—the labor unions.

The Woman's Home Companion has no place in any union home. It is not worthy the confidence of those who, while not unionists, are still seeking to abolish child slavery. Its pretenses are false, its friendship for the children a sham, and its proposition for clubbing a gold brick that will catch only suckers.

HELP! HELP!! HELP!!!

The Wageworker is calling for help. If help does not come the old ship will founder.

We've simply got to have help, and that's all there is to it. If you don't come to the rescue—goodbye!

Financial help?

Well, that will be quite welcome, thank you, although we haven't any complaints to make of the financial support given the paper.

No, it is something else.

We want you to help us make it a better labor newspaper. You can do it as easy as falling off a log.

How? Easy. See to it that your union is represented in The Wageworker's news columns every week. Have your union appoint some one to look after that matter, then let every member make it a point to keep that correspondent posted. Don't be afraid to tackle it because you "can't write for a paper." You give us the facts and we'll attend to the writing part. That's our business.

But we can not make a real labor newspaper unless you help us. The carpenters are all right. They are represented every week. Now you shove your union into the game.

Help! Help!! Help!!!

Despite the fact that the rank and file of the union printers have been paying a 10 per cent a week strike assessment for nine months, President Lynch and Secretary Bramwood are asking for an increase of \$600 a year in their salaries. And yet we are "attacking the honesty and integrity of our executive council" when we insist that that sort of thing is very much on the "hog" order.

Concerning the trouble between the engineers and the Burlington management we desire to say this: We would rather ride behind an engineer who wears glasses, than to ride behind one who needs them and does not wear them because he is afraid of being set back to a branch run.

The union man who fails to vote for the two union legislative candidates, misses an opportunity to advance the cause of unionism. And the union man who overlooks an opportunity of that kind needs something for his unionism.

Shake the Crabtree, Mayor Brown! Shake the Crabtree! And shake hard, too. Not for the fruit, for that is wormy and scabby. But for the purpose of showing that you were in earnest when you said it.

Haven't union men who want laws to safeguard their interests as much right to get into politics as the manufacturers who want legislation conferring special privileges upon them?

The candidate always takes good care to have the printer's label on his card, but does he wear union made clothing, hats and shoes? And does he smoke union made cigars?

If every union man in Lancaster county will cast their votes for the two union candidates—Smith and Quick—there will be two union men in the next legislature.

At Sidney, Ia., a man was sentenced to a year in the penitentiary for stealing two cherry pies—six months for each pie. The blamed fool should have looted a bank and become a "great financier."

One union man in the legislature would be better than a dozen men in the legislature whose unionism was measured by the label on their campaign cards.

All the candidates for office have the union label on their cards. What we want, however, is a lot of officeholders who have the union principles in their hearts.

The result in Maine is calculated to make the office-seekers more than ever interested in the cause of the working man.

The trouble with "sliding scales" usually is their habit of sliding in favor of the employers.

Littlefield says that Gompers helped him, but Cannon is not offering to pay Gompers' expenses.

Vote right, and then go after your neighbor.

Distinctive Styles In Men's Fine Autumn

SUITS and OVERCOATS

Every progressive man should keep abreast of the times and investigate the merits of our statements. We claim our ready-to-wear Clothing is the most stylish, the best tailored and finished clothes in Lincoln today.

The basic reason lies in the tailoring system. The manufacturers of our goods are creators of styles; their workmen are artists in their profession. They do their work better than it ever had been done, especially the little things; the beauty of lines and curves, the richness and colorings of fabrics, the hand-worked button hole, the snug-fitting collar, the permanent hair cloth front that never breaks, that "totally different" set of the garments, all go toward creating a pleasing picture of perfection in men's dress. Come in and investigate. The same courteous service whether you come to look or buy.



Fall Suits, Fall Top Coats
\$10 to \$30

Armstrong Clothing Co.

Good Clothes Merchants

PAPA CARRIED HIM.

Solution of Mystery That Puzzled the "Mate of the Brig."

Mrs. Frank A. Kennedy—whose husband edits the Omaha Western Laborer—writing of her visit to South Cheyenne Canon, says:

Now, of course, after you have made yourself miserable by climbing the steps at Seven Falls you are so light-headed or crazy you must go to Helen Hunt Jackson's grave. Everybody does and as it is customary to place a stone on this ever-increasing stone pile you have to hunt a long time for pebbles, as all the small stones have been carried up there long ago. On the trees along the trail are hundreds of cards of would-be famous climbers (myself included) and to our surprise and amusement we found a small card bearing the name of "Richard Metcalfe Maupin," who attended the I. T. U. convention at Colorado Springs in August. "Dick" was the handsomest, soberest chap at the convention and all the ladies were in love with him, and were profuse in their attentions to the young man. But how on earth Richard Metcalfe Maupin got up to Helen Hunt Jackson's grave is a mystery to us all for he is only four months old and we know he didn't walk.

A LUCKY EDITOR.

Gets Patronage and Also Recognition in Other Ways.

The editor of the New Orleans Journal of Labor seems to be a lucky individual. A union cigar manufacturing firm not only carries a large display advertisement in the Journal of Labor but also performs a little stunt that called for the following from the editor:

"The Editor takes occasion to thank the Vallot & Dreux Co. for a box of these cigars which they sent around for smokers, and takes occasion to add that they are the finest 5 cent cigars from point of quality as are found anywhere, convincing us that Union labeled cigars are to be made as good as other brands, and the quality of these are even better than non-union made cigars."

That sounds good away up north in Nebraska. The Wageworker has spent a lot of time and space in boosting the sale of union made Lincoln cigars, and up to date it has not had enough advertising from the local firms to pay for the ink on the paper.

The editor has made it a point to smoke union made cigars for several years—something like eight or ten—and nine out of ten that he has smoked during the last five years have been made in Lincoln. And he has paid for them, too. If any local manufacturer ever sent him a box of cigars the messenger delivered them to the wrong party.

But we'll keep right on boosting the use of union made cigars, and especially those made in Lincoln. They're all right; just as good as cigars made elsewhere, and better than most of them. And every time you buy a Lincoln made cigar you are helping to make Lincoln a bigger and better city.

The editor of The Wageworker may be reached at 1216 G street, or Room 1, Kennard block, second floor, 330 South Twelfth street. He prefers the dark wrappers.

LACKING IN LOGIC.

How Special Privilege Looks on the Demands of Labor.

The gentleman engaged in the manufacture of steel had been in session for some time, and had finally completed the new tariff schedule which they desired to have incorporated into the law. As it gave them a further hold on the home market they were naturally very much interested.

"We must now go to our respective homes and see to it that the right men are elected to congress," said the chairman of the meeting. "It is up to us to get right into the campaign and leave no stone unturned to elect congressmen who will stand by us."

"A lot of workingmen in my district are opposing the re-election of Congressman Smithers," said a member. "He is our friend and will fight and vote to give us anything we want."

"The idea of a lot of workingmen trying to secure special legislation in their own interests is preposterous!" exclaimed the chairman. "We must enter an emphatic protest against such a prostitution of our political ideals. We owe it to ourselves and Congress man Smithers to rally around him and triumphantly re-elect him, thus rebuking the anarchistic element that is seeking to secure special legislation. The arrogance of these workingmen is becoming altogether too great to be borne."

These words meeting with the approbation of the manufacturers present the meeting adjourned.—The Comer.

A. F. OF L. PLATFORM.

- Compulsory education.
- Direct legislation through the initiative and referendum.
- A legal workday of not more than eight hours.
- Sanitary inspection of workshop, mine and home.
- Liability of employers for injury to health, body and life.
- The abolition of the contract system in all public work.
- The abolition of the sweatshop system.
- The municipal ownership of street cars, waterworks, gas and electric light plants, for the public distribution of light, heat and power.
- The nationalization of telegraph, telephone, railroads and mines.
- The abolition of the monopoly system of land holding, and substituting therefor a title of occupancy and use only.

- Repeal of all conspiracy and penal laws affecting seamen and other workmen incorporated in the federal laws of the United States.
- The abolition of the monopoly privilege of issuing money and substituting therefor a system of direct issuance to and by the people.

NATIONAL CONVENTIONS.

Where Unions Will Meet to Enact Their General Legislation.

September 17, New York City, International Wood Carvers' Association.

September 17, Niagara Falls, N. Y., United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America.

October 1, Minneapolis, Minn., International Photo-Engravers' Union.

October (first week), Toronto, Ont., Wood, Wire and Metal Lathers' International Union.

October 8, Milwaukee, Wis., Cooperers' International Union.

October 16, Paterson, N. J., United Textile Workers of America.

November 5, East Bangor, Pa., International Union Slate Workers.

November 12, Minneapolis, Minn., American Federation of Labor.

December 3, Boston, Mass., International Seamen's Union.

December 3, New York City, National Alliance of Bill Posters and Billers of America.

UNION CONTRACTORS.

If You Want Building Done, Here Is a List to Patronize.

The following employers and contractors have been declared fair by Carpenters' Union, Local 1055, and we request all parties contemplating building or repairs of any kind pertaining to our trade to please take notice and consider the following reputable contractors and builders before letting your work:

S. W. Baker, 2227 R street.

H. E. Chappell, 1624 O street.

L. Drybba, Lindell Hotel.

S. R. Copeland, 110 North Twenty-seventh street.

H. Dobbs, 329 South Twenty-seventh street.

T. P. Harrison, Brownell block, room 12.

W. B. Hester, 820 North Twenty-seventh street.

Howe & Atterbury, 2025 Vine street.

Hammond & Burford, 6136 Dudley street.

Alex Hutton, 1436 N street.

Jewell & Marsh, 2331 South Tenth street.

A. Klewit, 1620 N street.

A. L. Myers, 223 North Twenty-eighth street.

Mitchner.

Chas. Mellor, 2149 South Fifteenth street.

F. G. Odell, 1335 North Twenty-fourth street.

J. W. Russell, 1527 North Twenty-fourth street.

C. W. Ryman, 1112 Pine street.

D. A. Rush, Normal.

T. K. Townsend, 1328 South Fifteenth street.

Turner Bros., 1401 Rose street.

O. W. Vanderveer, 154 South Eighth street.

S. A. Webb, 2743 W street.

Lincoln Sash and Door company for mill work.

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