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THE FUTURE.

Nebraska owes it to herself to make some provision for the future in the line of its industrial development. Up to the present time the state has been dependent almost wholly upon agricultural resources, but under the present rapid increase in the industrial field Nebraska has turned more and more to manufacture. For this reason it is necessary right now to make safeguards that will prevent in Nebraska the evils that have crept into the industrial life of other and older states.

Before manufacturing becomes so varied, so large and so complicated Nebraska should take steps to prevent the evils of child labor, and avoid the horrible conditions that exist in many other states, notably those of the south. As the matter now stands there is absolutely nothing upon the statute books of Nebraska to prevent the employment of little children in the mills of the state. The time will surely come when child labor will be in demand, and brutal and inhuman parents will be willing to offer their children upon the altar of industrial greed. Let Nebraskans be wise in time and act promptly.

THE DIFFERENCE.

A few days ago James J. Hill, the railroad magnate, sold to the United States Steel company what is known as the "Mesaba range," consisting of millions of acres of rich ore land in Minnesota. For this land James J. Hill will in time receive the enormous sum of one billion dollars.

This land was stolen from the people of this country. It was not a case of highway robbery or safeblowing, but just the same it was a case of bold, barefaced robbery of the people. James J. Hill got that land under the form of law, having seen to it that compliant tools were elected to congress to enact laws that would enable him and his associates to grab that land legally. The billion dollars that the steel corporation will pay to Jim Hill should be paid to the people of the United States. If the people had not been criminally foolish they would not have allowed themselves to be thus outrageously jobbed and robbed.

Let a poor workman grab a part of a city street upon which to build a shack, and he will be promptly dispossessed. That's the difference.

How was Jim Hill enabled to elect his pliant tools to congress? The answer is easy. He played upon the partisan prejudices of a foolish electorate. He had one of his tools nominated in a democratic district and then appealed to the partisan prejudices of democrats and thus won out. In a republican district he secured the nomination of a tool on the republican ticket, and then appealed to partisanship and won out again. And fool democrats in the democratic district, and fool republicans in the republican district threw up their hats and shouted in glee over their respective victories for "good government."

All they got out of it was a chance to holler for joy and throw their hats. Jim Hill got a billion dollars that rightfully belongs to the whole people.

And despite these plain facts fool

democrats and fool republicans go right ahead with their insane partisan prejudices, robbing themselves and the children and children's children merely for the satisfaction of having made lamphoofs of themselves for the edification and profit of Jim Hill and others like him.

Talk about "representative government!" If that's representative government the sessions of congress should be held in a home for paralytics in order to be in keeping with the eternal fitness of things. As long as men are ruled by their partisan prejudices they will not have representative government. They will elect men who will represent schemers and exploiters like Jim Hill, men who will sacrifice the interests of the people who elect them.

The worst offenders in this line are the workmen of the nation. They have voted for years to rivet tighter the chains of oppression. They have been cajoled and flattered; they have been patted on the back and swelled up by scheming politicians who played upon their partisan prejudices, secured their votes and then laughed at them for being so foolish as to submit to rank robbery and jobbery.

Workmen will wait a long time before they will get anything from the hands of lawmakers elected to represent the wishes of the corporations. In fact they will wait until Hades is a skating rink.

The only way to get what they want is to stand together at the polls and elect men who will represent the interests of workmen instead of the interests of labor's exploiters. Workmen may grow wise in time. It has been discouraging work, to be sure, but the indications are better now than ever before.

Let us vote for our own interests a while. Jim Hill has got his billion dollar deal fixed up. Let us demand our turn.

A lot in the down-town districts of Lincoln upon which not a single dollar of improvements had ever been made, sold recently for \$8,000. It didn't cost the owner \$1,500 fifteen years ago. But he pockets an enormous dividend on his investment because the workmen of Lincoln have toiled and perspired to make Lincoln a city. The men who put the value into the lot never got a penny for it. Think about it, boys.

Of course the old party machines in Nebraska have recognized union labor. Haven't they given union men the place of deputy labor commissioner? What an impudent lot of greasy mechanics and dirty workmen you are to ask for anything more than that. Back to your work, you sassy things! Do you want the earth?

Every trust and every corporation is accorded the right to protect its interests, but when workmen determine to act independently at the polls and oppose men who are antagonistic to the interests of labor, what a horrible howl goes up from the hidebound partisan press.

Congressman Pollard's record on labor's bill in congress is all right. He has not had much of a chance, but he has acted on the square when he did have a chance to stand up for the interests of labor. That's as far as this little newspaper has any interest in the congressional fight.

Nebraska belongs in the class with Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia in the matter of legislation against the child labor evil. And Nebraska ought to be thoroughly ashamed of the fact.

Hearst has got 'em scared in New York. His election would carry dismay into the ranks of the men who exploit labor and live on political graft.

A vote for Smith and Quick for the legislature is a vote to make the bosses of the political machines jump sideways. Vote to make the bosses jump.

A long pull and a strong pull, and a pull all together, and labor will have two representatives in the legislature from Lancaster county. Pull!

If workmen do not elect lawmakers, they must expect that Post and Parry and their ilk will. Take your choice.

Remember the mass meeting for workmen at Central Labor Union hall next Monday night. Be there.

That harsh grating sound from the east is your Uncle Sam Gompers sawing a choice lot of political wood.

A little saving salt of unionism at the polls will help conditions a whole lot.

Get into the political game, boys—not as partisans but as workmen.

A ballot in the box beats a mile walk on Labor day.

In the meanwhile Uncle Joe Cannon is whistling shrilly in anticipation of a near approach to the political cemetery.

THE TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION.

Officers for Next Year Installed and Business Looked After.

Last Sunday Lincoln Typographical Union No. 209 began work under a new administration. Heretofore officers were elected to serve six months, but a change was made in the constitution and last Sunday officers were installed who will serve for one year. On Tuesday, October 16, the local will hold an election under the Australian ballot system for the purpose of voting on the four propositions submitted by the Colorado Springs convention to the referendum. The polls will be open from 12 m. until 7 p. m. At the same time a separate vote will be taken on a local proposition to secure an expression of sentiment from the members in Lincoln.

G. E. Locker was elected a member of the executive committee to fill the vacancy caused by the removal from the city of A. T. Pentzer. This left a vacancy on the Allied Trades Council and Central Labor Union delegations, and it was filled by the unanimous election of H. W. Smith.

The union unanimously adopted a resolution pledging the Citizens' Street Railway company all possible support if it would unionize its conductors and motormen.

It was decided to continue the policy of having an executive committee after a long debate that brought out considerable oratory. Two new members were obligated.

THE PLUMBERS.

Arousing New Interest in Union Affairs and Making Progress.

The union plumbers of Lincoln have taken on renewed vigor and from this time forward purpose making their presence felt. They will push the work of organization to the limit and expect to make gratifying gains in the very near future.

Sherman, Texas, plumbers recently secured an advance of 50 cents a day after a short strike.

Portland plumbers have secured the eight hour day.

The Northwest Association of Journeymen Plumbers elected these officers at its convention in Spokane: President, Gus. Busch, Seattle; Frank Armstrong of Spokane, vice president; C. S. Williams of Spokane, secretary and treasurer.

Master plumbers in Spokane have run up against the real thing, and, while no trouble in the way of strikes or walkouts are threatened, the union having adopted a resolution declaring that in the future all plumbers are forbidden from working on non-union jobs. In the event of a violation of the rule the master plumbers may be fined in any amount from \$10 to \$50. This, it is believed, will help the other building crafts. Heretofore the owners of union shops have taken all the non-union work they could secure, but this will be stopped.

IS THERE MISUNDERSTANDING?

Seems That Regent Shoe Factory Will Come to Lincoln.

Some time ago the Central Labor Union instructed its home industry committee to investigate the report that the Regent shoe factory would be removed from Omaha to Lincoln. This is a union factory and the object was to make sure that it would remain such after its removal to Lincoln. The committee reported that it had investigated and learned that the intention of the Regent people was to continue the factory in Omaha and merely establish a wholesale depot in Lincoln. But the following item from the Boot and Shoe Workers' correspondence in the Omaha Western Laborer would seem to indicate that the factory is to be located in Lincoln:

"The demand for the label in your shoe must continue in Omaha whether the Regent factory goes to Lincoln or not. Keep on asking for the label in your shoes and encourage your family to buy shoes with the label in them. The ladies' shoes are on sale at Hayden's, the Nebraska, Bowman's and Drexel's. You can get the men's shoes with the label on at nearly every shoe store."

If this means anything at all it means that the Omaha unionists believe that the factory is to be removed to Lincoln. At any rate, it would be well for the Central Labor Union to make further investigation. If the factory is to come here with a view to pulling out of the union it will be up to the local men to get busy.

Employing printers of Youngstown, O., entered into an agreement with the International Printing Pressmen and Assitants' Union granting the eight-hour day, and will grant an increase in wages January 1, 1907.

Further investigation of charges of alleged rebating against trunk railroad and steamship lines is expected to be made by the federal grand jury sworn in at New York.

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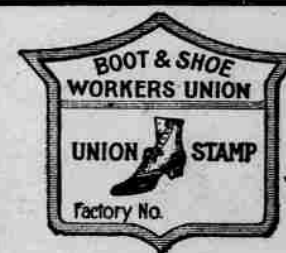
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