

WAGELABORER

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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.

WHY THIS DISCRIMINATION?

A few days ago the Lincoln Evening Star had an editorial on the recent divorce of "Chewing Gum" White which deserves the hearty approbation of every lover of fair play. White divorced his wife in order to marry a younger and doubtless fresher woman. The fact that his wife had worked just as hard as he to accumulate the fortune he is credited with having started not to White. When they started out in the chewing gum business the wife remained at home and stirred the stuff over a red hot stove while the husband was out selling the batch just made. But when White became a millionaire he lost his love for the woman who had toiled by his side through the weary years, and he proceeded to get rid of her, having been captivated by the charms of a society dame. The esteemed Star "roasted" White to a crisp brown, as was very proper.

But why should the esteemed Star discriminate between these lascivious millionaires? About two years ago a very similar case was brought to light. Another wife who had toiled alongside her husband through days of adversity and helped to win a big fortune, was thrown into disrepute by her husband in order that he might wed a young and blooming stenographer. True, the wife in this case brought suit for the divorce, and she did it because her husband treated her with extreme cruelty. He fairly forced her to apply for a divorce so he could wed the charming stenographer whose bloom had not been withered by toil and trial. But although this case was as bad, or worse, than the White case, we failed to see anything in our sprightly and esteemed contemporary about it, save a little three line Associated Press dispatch discreetly hidden away on an obscure page. There was no editorial "roast" in this instance. Perhaps the Star was not then quite so strenuous in its advocacy of marital justice. Or perhaps there was another reason. We are of the opinion that the case of "Chewing Gum" White was not one whit worse than the case of "Grape Nuts" Post, but while the Star threw a spasm of virtuous rage in the case of the chewing gum man it neglected to say a word about the grape nuts man.

We claim that the Star's course is unjust to the chewing gum man. Clearly he had a right to believe himself entitled to as much consideration as the grape nuts man. Surely the fact that the chewing gum man is not an extensive patron of newspaper counting rooms has nothing to do with the case. We confess that our esteemed contemporary's discrimination astonishes and perplexes us, and it would give us great pleasure to have it explained.

Why the discrimination?

IT DEPENDS ON YOU!

Mr. workman, it depends on you whether the labor candidates for the legislature, Smith and Quick, are elected. If every craftsman and laboring man in Lancaster county votes for them, their election is assured. By craftsmen and laboring men we mean those who toil for a daily wage.

But it is not enough that you vote for them. You must work for them. The larger the vote the more emphatic the notice the old party bosses that the labor vote must be

reckoned with. If Smith and Quick are elected it will not again be necessary for a delegation of laboring men to visit the machine bosses of either party and beg them to recognize labor in the make-up of the ticket.

Not much, Mary Ann! Just elect Smith and Quick, and the next time a republican or democratic convention is called you'll find the bosses hustling around to ascertain what the laboring men want in the way of representation.

O, you'll get a protective tariff or free trade, or spelling reform or divided railroad ownership, or a lot of other things that don't amount to a finker's anathema to you personally, if you keep right on voting the old party tickets straight. No question about that. And as laboring men you will get something else, too. And you'll get it right in the neck, too. Just where you deserve it as a penalty for your shortsightedness.

But if you'll go to "scratching" like an old hen with one chick: if you'll show the party bosses that you don't care a whoop for the party machine; if you'll vote for your own interests and for the interests of your loved ones—if you'll do these things once or twice you'll get something worth while.

Ever see the capitalistic class divide its vote?

Ever see the corporations fighting each other at the polls?

Ever see the employers fighting each other on election day?

Nay, nay, Paulina!

They stick together like beeswax. They may make a noise like a political debate, but on election day their little old ballots bear the "X" in identically the same places.

But now about the workmen?

O, they'll divide their vote on partisan lines, of course. They'll whoop it up for the grand old republican party, or the good old democratic party, as the case may be, and while the scheming capitalists and corporations and employers are lugging off the fruits of the victory the laboring men can holler their heads off about the "glorious victory we won!"

O, Rats!

O, Fudge! Likewise, O, Hello!

Let's get wise some time. Let's try voting together just for a change. Let's take example from the other fellows.

Now let's go to the polls on election day and instead of electing the eminent gentlemen nominated by the other fellows to look after their interests, let's vote for a couple of obscure workmen nominated to look after our interests. If elected they'll do it, for our interests happen to be their interests.

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Let's make the election of Smith and Quick certain, thus making future representation on all party tickets certain. It's up to us, boys!

The election of two union men to the legislature from Lancaster county this year will be the entering wedge. After that it will be a cinch that both of the big parties will hustle around to put good union men on the ticket.

Agitation against child labor is becoming a fad these days. The trades unions have made it a business for years. They will be agitating against it long after the faddist have found another plaything.

We step the press long enough to predict that Mr. Post will throw another spasm between now and November 6. Every time Mr. Post throws a spasm he contributes to the strong box of the printers.

"Girls Wanted" is a sign that has been conspicuous in the walls of the Jones overall and shirt factory ever since it was dedicated with prayer. A decent wage scale might enable Jones to take it down.

There are about two thousand union men in Lincoln who are wondering when Mayor Brown will find time to take up the Crabtree case. It was called to his attention twelve months ago.

Look here, Mr. Unionist: Why hire a non-unionist to legislate for you any more than hire a non-union garment worker to make your clothes or a non-union shoemaker to make your shoes?

Colonel Jones, manager of the Lincoln Overall and Shirt Co., is boasting of the dividends paid last year. He can increase them this year by reducing the wages a little more.

Vote for Smith and Quick and show that you are as willing to vote for your interests as you are to march and display your unionism in dress parade.

Child labor and sweat shop conditions for women are the chief recruiting grounds for the "tenderloin districts."

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Sheldon says that Mr. Shallenberger used railroad passes last. Then Shallenberger says, "you are another," and Sheldon says, "Tain't so; you are another." And that's what the old parties are doing in the interests of labor.

Since Mr. Jones began employing girls he has found it comparatively easy to declare dividends. It was different when he employed men and dealt with men. Eh, Mr. Jones?

The workman who votes a "straight ticket" because he is a partisan merely confesses that he is willing to be used as a tool by professional politicians.

Wear "Jones Brand" overalls and help keep the wages of working girls down to the lowest possible level.

Union made laws would help some. Vote for the union labor candidates for the legislature.

"Girls Wanted"—\$2.42 per week. Steady work and long hours. Jones the overall maker.

Mass meeting of workmen, C. L. U. hall, 1034 O street, next Thursday night. Be there!

Shake the Crabtree, Mr. Mayor! And shake it quick!!

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"See that check!"

WHAT'S THE ANSWER?

What Senator Dick Wrote in Reply to President Gompers.

Following is the reply of Senator Charles A. Dick of Ohio, author of the Dick militia law, in response to a letter from President Gompers asking the senator where he stood on the question of labor:

"While numerous official demands prevent me from undertaking a specific discussion in detail of the grievance bill, it will not fail of my careful consideration. I will say cheerfully I favor at all times the fullest degree of just recognition for labor's cause, and I shall be ready to support any official action in legislative form or otherwise that is demonstrated to be really in labor's interests, at the same time having in mind the necessity of avoiding any misguided action that might defeat the very object most desired."

Goshamighty! We'll give a prize copy of Dick's militia law to the first man who comes into the office with an explanation of what Dick said. Did he mean to dodge?

WHAT IT WOULD BE.

Similar Institutions Would Irreparably Injure This City.

The Lincoln Evening News, referring to the contemplated increase in the capital stock of the Lincoln Overall and Shirt Co., says:

"If Lincoln had a hundred similar enterprises it would be the metropolis of Nebraska and one of the most prosperous cities in the land."

Nothing could be further from the truth. If Lincoln had a hundred such institutions it would soon be a city of tenements, sweat shops, child labor and underpaid female labor. It would degenerate into a city of squalid homes, hopeless and unorganized workmen and workwomen and children robbed of playtime on the one side, and a few millionaires and palaces on the other. The mere fact that the Jones factory is paying dividends does not signify that it is helping build up a city.

TELLS WHAT GOOD IT IS.

Sewer Digger Tells Why Union Is of Benefit.

"What good is the union to you?" the doubting Thomas asked the sewer digger.

"I tell you pretty quick," he answered. "Last year I work for dollar thirty-five a day; I join the union, this year I get dollar eighty-five a day. Bully for the union, I say."

"Any other benefit?" asked Thomas. "Any other benefit? You bet," he responded. "I'm a better man; feel better; work better; look better; and"—with a wink and a smile—"my wife, she loves me better."—Minnesota Union Advocate.

MUST STAY OUT.

The national convention of Carpenters and Joiners decided that the Independent Workers of the World is a dual organization, and that members of the Carpenters and Joiners who become members therein must cease to be members of the U. B. of C. & J.

RAILWAY CLERKS STRIKE.

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Good slightly used piano for.....	\$126.00	\$400 New Piano, any case for.....	\$275.00
Good slightly used piano for.....	\$147.00	\$450 New Piano, any case for.....	\$315.00

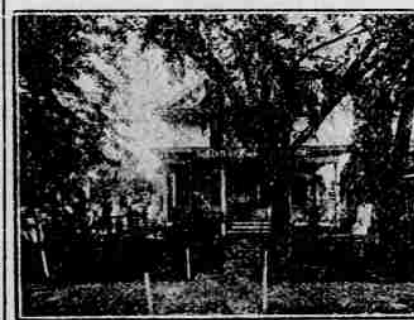


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