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## PASSES THE HOUSE.

### Child Labor Bill Safely Through the First Stage of Battle.

House Roll No. 9, Clarke's child labor bill, was passed by the house last Monday, the vote being 72 for and 16 against. The vote on roll call for final passage was as follows:

Ayes—Alderson, Baird, Barnes, Blystone, Eola, E. P. Brown, E. W. Brown, Brown of Sherman, Buckley, Byram, Carlin, Clarke, Cone, Cudde, Davis, Dodge, Eller, Farley, Fletcher, France, Fries, Gillman, Graf, Grieg, Hamer, Hansen, Harrison, Hart, Henry, Howard, Howe, Jenison, Johnson, Jones, Keifer, Killen, Knowles, Kuhl, Leeder, Lee, Line, McCullough, McMullen, Metzger, Neff, Quackenbush, Raper, Redmond, Springer, Stalder, Steinauer, Talbot, Thiessen, Tucker, Van Housen, Walsh, White, Whitham, Whitham, Whitney, Wilson, Worthington.

Nays—Adams, Funk, Glem, Hagemeister, Hill, Lahners, Mackey, Marlett, Marsh, Masters, Murphy, Pilger, Richardson, Stolz, Volalensky, Nettleton—16.

To the seventy-two gentlemen who voted for this bill The Wageworker desires to return the hearty thanks of the whole vast body of wage earners. They will also receive the thanks of the splendid women and the courageous men who have helped to make public sentiment on this important question.

It seems remarkably queer that men claiming to be intelligent enough to be lawmakers should have opposed this bill on the ground that it would prevent farmers from employing their own children on the farm. The Wageworker gives the opposite of the bill credit for being honest in their declaration that they opposed it because they thought it would interfere with children on the farm. But if they were lawmakers in another state and opposing a similar bill on similar grounds, we would be very much inclined to believe that they were not telling the exact truth. This "farm labor" business has been used as a club to defeat beneficial child labor legislation ever since the editor of this little newspaper has been carrying a union card, and he has carried a card more years than some Nebraska legislators have been voting.

We are just a bit disappointed in Speaker Nettleton. We thought he was too big and too broad to be deceived by that "farm labor" feature. But if the bill will prevent a farmer from driving his children to toll harder than the average slave had to perform—and children of Nebraska farms have thus driven—then the bill is even better than we thought it was. There is an awful lot of "rot" sprung every day in the year about the benefits of having been brought up on a farm. There are a lot of Nebraska farm children who need the protecting hand of the law.

It is to be hoped that the bill will go through the senate without opposition. In the meanwhile let every union man cut out the names of the sixteen gentlemen who voted against this splendid child labor bill and paste the list where it can be seen—especially on future election days. We give them again—this time in blackface letters so that they may be read at a distance:

Adams, Funk, Glem, Hagemeister, Hill, Lahners, Mackey, Marlett, Marsh, Masters, Murphy, Pilger, Richardson, Stolz, Volalensky, Nettleton.

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## THE PREVAILING COMPLAINT.

Think You Are Going to Croak, and Afraid You Won't.

People call it "the grip." That's as good a name as any, although you wish when you are in the grip of the grip that you could just let loose and call it any old name you wanted to. The first signs you see—or feel, rather—is a tickling sensation in the back of your throat and a slight yellow sensation in the front of your head. You go to bed feeling as if somebody had fed you on powdered castor oil and the stuff had caked around your tonsils, and when you wake up in the morning you feel as if you had been jerked sidewise and lengthwise and endwise through a vat of distilled essence of accumulated human ills. You have a taste in your mouth that makes the morning after seem like the ambrosia of the gods, and you ache all over. You feel as if you were going to lay right down and die, and the only thing that keeps you from doing it is the fear that you won't die quick enough.

Your wife asks you how you feel, and before you are half-way through with the answer she has a finger in each ear and is exclaiming through her teeth that she is going right home to ma if you don't quit talking that way. Your nose feels like a description of Mount Vesuvius in action, and while lead the rest of 'em are running liquid water. Your eyes feel like two holes burnt in a blanket, and each individual hair on your head feels like a bit of annealed wire being bored through your scalp to find a place to clinch. You try to eat, and everything tastes alike—just like remorse. You draw up to the fire and shiver till you shake the crockery off the pantry shelf, and then you quit shivering long enough

# The Home Patronage Movement

This week The Wageworker begins in earnest what it hopes will prove to be a successful home patronage movement. But The Wageworker wants to make its position plain at the very outset. When it advocates the patronizing of home institutions and home merchants it wants it distinctly understood that it does not advocate the patronage of those institutions or those merchants who are unfriendly to the best interests of labor, or which seek to build up a big business by employing a class of labor that does not, never has and never will, be of any service in building up a stable prosperity. There are several such institutions already in Lincoln and more of the same kind are promised, provided cheap labor can be supplied. Lincoln will be short-sighted indeed if it gives aid and encouragement to factories that depend upon cheap female labor. Such factories are a detriment.

But there are a large number of institution in Lincoln—wholesale, retail and manufacturing—that are deserving of the most liberal support. They deserve it for the reason that their growth means added labor to be performed by well paid and skilled workmen. A number of these firms are mentioned at length in this issue. It is not pretended that all of these deserving firms are listed in this issue. But those herein listed have an especial interest and are more than usually deserving because they have been enterprising enough to take hold of this home patronage movement at its inception and lend it to their aid.

The Wageworker knows of wage earners in Lincoln who send a goodly share of their wages every month to catalogue houses in Chicago. This is not only poor judgment, but it is bad business policy. It is not fair to the business interests of the city wherein the wage is earned. The money earned in Lincoln should be spent with Lincoln firms. Every reason of policy dictates this.

There are two sure ways of making a city prosperous—talking it up and working it up. Every Lincolnite who finds himself elsewhere for even the briefest season should be a hustling missionary preaching the resources and the future of Lincoln. If you are in another state and somebody asks you where you are from, exclaim:

"Lincoln, Nebraska—the best city in the best state in the west. Got more and better schools than any other city of its size in the world! A city of sixty thousand people, and the only one of the size in the country that can truthfully say it has two churches for every saloon. The greatest railroad center between Chicago and San Francisco! A city doing so much business that it ranks twentieth in the amount of second-class mail matter handled exceeding cities like Bal-

timore, Pittsburg, and cities of that class. Wide streets, well paved, well lighted, municipal lighting plant, municipal water plant furnishing the best and purest water known. Rapidly forging to the front as a manufacturing center, and long a wholesale center. Fine public buildings, handsome residences, more home owners in proportion to the population than any city of equal size in the country. Two million dollars spent in improvements last year, and this year going to break the record. Clean city government—no graft, no rottenness. In all that is good Lincoln affords the best."

That's the song every Lincoln man and woman should sing—and sing loud—when visiting elsewhere, or when entertaining friends from abroad.

Are you doing your part towards making Lincoln a bigger and better city? You are not if you are spending any part of your wages abroad for goods that can be bought at home. There is not a thing you eat or wear that can not be bought as cheaply in Lincoln as elsewhere—and as a rule more cheaply. Certain it is that price being equal the Lincoln product is superior. If bought at home and it is not what it should be, you have recourse. This is not true if the article is bought of a catalogue house.

How much money sent to catalogue houses in Chicago ever comes back to Lincoln? How much of it goes to pay Lincoln wages, support Lincoln schools, light Lincoln streets or build Lincoln sidewalks? Not a penny!

How sick would a Lincoln wage earner have to be before Ward-gomery Mont & Co. or Rears, Sawbuck & Co. would offer him a line of credit and supply him with groceries and clothing until he was again able to work? How long would the schools be open for the education of the children of Lincoln wage earners if they depended upon the taxes paid by catalogue houses in Chicago and elsewhere?

Keep these things in mind! Help yourselves by helping to make Lincoln a bigger and a better city!

The Home Patronage Policy should be followed by everybody in Lincoln. Let us build up Lincoln industries that are deserving. Let us close our doors against the sweat shop factories and the "enterprises" that call for "cheap female help," and while building up the legitimate enterprises already here work to secure others that will employ men and pay them such wages that they can support their families comfortably and not compel the women and children to work for a scanty wage in order to eke out a miserable livelihood.

Here's to a bigger and a better Lincoln! Stand by the fair home industries!

## RINGING RESOLUTIONS.

### Lincoln Carpenters Condemn Outrage On Rights of Citizens.

The United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, Lincoln Local No. 1055, have unanimously adopted the following resolutions in regard to the Moyer-Hayward case, now attracting universal attention:

WHEREAS, Moyer, Hayward and Pettibone, officers of the Western Federation of Miners, were kidnapped from the state of Colorado, being denied the right to appeal to court to secure counsel, and

WHEREAS, The officials of Colorado conspired and connived with the officials of Idaho to deprive these men of their constitutional rights as citizens, and

WHEREAS, History fails to record another instance wherein the most vicious criminal was ever denied the right of counsel or court proceedings to ascertain whether or not they were fugitives from justice, or whether there was legal cause for being extradited; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we condemn the action of the officials of Colorado and Idaho as being most high-handed and outrageous; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That we demand a speedy and impartial trial to the end that justice may be done to all parties concerned.

ROSEWELL SHERHERD, Pres. J. A. CHAMBERS, Sec.

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## WESTERN GLASS AND PAINT CO.

In the rapid strides that many of the business houses of our city have made during the past year there is none worthy of more particular note than the successful progress made by the Western Glass and Paint Co. This company are leaders in the line of paints, oils and glass. The product of this company has in past years and is still finding its way into many of the finest residences and public buildings in Lincoln and surrounding towns. In fact it is generally understood that this company is in a position to meet all competition. This institution has always held a fair attitude towards labor, and are entitled to recognition in this review. They are located at 301 to 317 South Twelfth Street. The officers are T. P. Kennard, president; C. N. Chapman, vice-president; J. L. Kennard, secretary and treasurer; G. O. Riridon, sales manager.

## LINCOLN FLOUR MILLS—LIBERTY FLOUR.

The kitchen is the workshop of the home, and as such it should receive the same care and attention in all its details as is given to any other workshop. There are many little improvements and which, if adopted, might make the housewife's work much more accomplished than it is. There is no reason why the kitchen may not be as up-to-date as the rest of the house. Never before was the world so exacting in its demands or so willing to pay for what it wants. The up-to-date kitchen of today is careful of the foods prepared, and the flour that is used can either spoil or improve the bread, and for all of mother's ability it is at last up to the miller, and will be so for time indefinite. The mill of yesterday was truly ground by the water that will never grind again. By the improved process of today a genius, or a score of them, has wrought a transformation. Money, and plenty of it, has invested itself so that the primitive and antiquated regime has faded

## UNION COAL CO., 1014 O STREET.

In the line of coal, coke and wood, this company is serving the people of this city well. The Union Fuel Co., by a broad, liberal policy of conducting its business, has gained an advanced position before our people. As a result of this spirit this firm has the esteem and good will of all union men. In all transactions with this company its patrons have been well treated, and satisfactorily served at all times. Mr. H. T. Folsom, the secretary and treasurer, has carefully given his personal attention to the business. This firm caters to the union trade and has always shown a friendly interest in the cause, and is entitled to the hearty co-operation of all union men.

## IS IT A GOLD BRICK?

### Has Higgins Handed the Pressmen's Union a Huge Lemon?

If the press dispatches have not cruelly slandered Martin Higgins, president of the International Pressmen's and Assistants' Union, has handed the rank and file a large and very sour lemon. It is reported on seemingly good authority that Higgins has signed a contract with the United Typothaete whereby the union is bound for a period of five years to an open shop contract, the eight hour day to be granted two years from now.

If it is true that President Higgins has signed an open shop contract he should receive a jolt from the rank and file that will jar his back teeth loose. If the open shop at all, in heaven's name why saddle a contract on the loyal union pressmen who have been paying a heavy assessment for months to finance a demand for the eight hour day? A contract to work in an open shop is adding insult to injury.

And why should any kind of a contract have been made with the moribund and discredited Typothaete? It is about the dearest thing in the way of an industrial organization that one could imagine.

There is no doubt that the pressmen received the tarred end of the stick from the Typographical Union a year or two ago, but that is no reason why Higgins should sacrifice his own men in order to play even with the head men of the printers. And if Higgins has signed the kind of a contract claimed in the dispatches he has sacrificed his own union. More than that, he has delivered the union pressmen bound hand and foot to a conscienceless lot of employers who have patted Higgins on the back, only to laugh at him after getting him sewed up in a sack.

Local pressmen do not understand the matter at all. It seems that they have been left altogether in the dark, and that all they have been asked to do is to put up the money. "For God's sake hand over the assessment, boys; we'll spend it!" And the good money they have put up has been used to buy a real nice Typothaete gold brick if all reports are true.

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## PLUMBERS' NEWS.

### Getting Busy and Growing in Numbers Very Rapidly.

The local union's sanitary committee has been doing some very effective work of late. The attention of property owners and the plumbing inspector has been called to several jobs where plumbing installed in improper and dangerous manner was ordered changed.

The organization of the masters in our craft has been effected in this city, with ten shops represented, or at least that is the rumor. If this organization would co-operate with the journeymen with a view of enforcing state laws and city ordinances now on the books, instead of the single narrow idea of reducing wages and further debasing our conditions, we would hail the news. Our interests are identical from a sanitary standpoint; why not work on harmonious lines to the betterment of the trade?

Bro. A. V. White has represented our interests so faithfully during his first week's service as business agent that he was instructed to continue the good work. The recent additions to our ranks have been so numerous that we look forward to a solid union town before the bird's sing.

The drain-layers of the city have held two meetings of late, with the majority of their trade represented, and formed a temporary organization. The evil of sub-contracting was discussed and a harmonious feeling effected with the journeymen plumbers, by which they will be permitted to install the water pipe to the basement from street, and repair all hydrants and iron pipe in ground outside buildings. This much abused craft should certainly receive more than laborer's wages, and by their present move will no doubt soon be in a more prosperous condition.

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## TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION.

### Next Sunday Should See Every Member on Hand on Time.

The Typographical Union will meet at Bohanan's hall next Sunday. The change in meeting place is made in anticipation of the largest turnout in many months, owing to the pressing business to be transacted. Every member should realize the necessity of being on hand when the president's gavel falls.

In addition to other important business the committee on observance of the twenty-sixth anniversary of the union will make its report and sub-committees will be announced. This is going to be the greatest anniversary in the history of the local, and in after years you will be proud if you do your share in making it such.

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