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"GOD HELPS THOSE WHO HELP THEMSELVES." THERE IS BUT ONE WAY TO GET A LABOR TEMPLE--GET IT!!

Among the Live Unions Here in Lincoln Town

The Union Carpenters of Lincoln are going to dedicate their new hall next Tuesday evening. The hall is located at 130 North Tenth street, directly across the street from the new postoffice, and has been fitted up until it presents a neat and attractive appearance. The conveniences are far superior to those offered by the old hall. Every member of the Carpenters' Union should make it a point to be at the first meeting in the new hall and help start things off with a rush.

The Regent Shoe Co. has a display at the auditorium this week, and shows a card which says, "Pay roll \$500 a week. Patronize a home institution and it will soon be \$2,000 a week." The Regent Co. employed union shoe workers while it was in Omaha. It does not use the union stamp now. If it will get rich with the Boot and Shoe Workers union and use the union stamp The Wageworker will help give it business that will raise the pay roll to \$2,000 a week. As the matter now stands we insist on having shoes with the union stamp, and the Regent Shoe Co. can not deliver them.

Manager Holmes of the Lincoln base ball team, is not responsible for the fact that the caterer on the grounds handles "scab" cigars exclusively. Manager Holmes is a union man himself, being an ex-member of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen and one of the organizers of the base ball players' union which was known as the Players' Protective Association, but which died a hard death soon after being born. The caterer may make a half-cent more on each "scab" cigar he sells than he would if he sold union cigars, but it's a cinch he is not selling nearly so many of them. He could have sold a dozen in one bunch last Monday if he had sent around a union made cigar, but the bunch of square union men who sat over on the "bleachers" with The Wageworker man refused to stand for the "scab" article. It would seem that a man with sense enough to make a contract for the catering privilege would have sense enough to offer workingmen who make up a big portion of the "fans" the kind of cigars they want to smoke.

The Brotherhood of Railway Car men seem to have outwitted the "bosses" who so long prevented the organization of a local in Lincoln. An effort was made to organize a local a year or two ago, but several forty-dollar-a-month clerks in the headquarters building were made to act as "spotters" and the organizer found his way blocked. This time the work was taken up quietly and pushed to a successful conclusion before anybody outside of the carmen were aware of the fact that an organizer was in this part of the country. Lincoln local starts off well and The Wageworker expects to see it become an influential force in the upbuilding of organized labor interests in this vicinity.

President Coffey of the Typographical Union is still off duty on account of a bad hand. A surgeon had to cut several gashes in it to give relief from ganglions, and it will be a couple of weeks before Mr. Coffey can manipulate the keyboard of a "Merg." He is not idle, however. He is putting in some good licks for the cause of unionism, and incidentally boosting the "little joker" on every side.

Colonel Jess Mickel—or perhaps, Senior Mickel, would sound better—passed through Lincoln one evening last week, en route from the City of Mexico to Harvard, Nebr., where his family lives. Mr. Mickel has been in Mexico for the last year, and will return there after he visits a couple of weeks with his family. He expects to work in the City of Mexico for about four years more, and will then retire on a chicken farm and let the hens do the work.

The label makes business. One evening this week a printer dropped into the Armstrong store and asked for a shirt. The clerk showed several and while doing so another printer dropped in and suggested to his fellow printer that the "Elgin" was union made. "Have you got the Elgin?" asked the first printer. The clerk showed them, and they looked so good that three were purchased, whereas one was all the customer wanted when he came in. The other printer bought two. That made five labeled shirts sold, where one non-union shirt might have been sold. Every time you boost the label you boost yourself.

The candidates are busy handing out their campaign cards, and you bet every card carries the label. But how about the candidates' hats, shoes, shirts, collars, clothing? Are they smoking union made cigars? Are they using union made chewing tobacco? It takes more than the label on the campaign card to make a friend of unionism out of a candidate for public office.

Next week The Wageworker is going to tell about the organization of another new union in this city. It will start off with a big membership, and it will be practically a "100 per cent union." That is, it will have on its roll practically every man who works at that trade in this city. The organization is practically complete, but for obvious reasons the facts can not yet be given in detail.

Superintendent Stevens of the city schools is trying to find out how the wages of teachers compare with the wages of men engaged in the industrial trades. He will discover that the teachers are away down in the wage scale as compared with printers, bricklayers, plumbers, carpenters, lathers, plasterers, pressmen, bookbinders or almost any other organized trade, hours of work and length of service considered. The average monthly wage of teachers in Nebraska is less than \$50 a month, and the average number of months worked per year is less than eight. That an average of less than \$400. It is hard work, too, and ought to be better paid. But as long as the teachers are unorganized and are willing to accept whatever is offered them, they need not expect better pay. Wouldn't it seem that men and women with brains enough to be school teachers ought to have brains enough to realize the benefits of thorough organization?

Frank Swigart of St. Louis has written The Wageworker to commend the Labor Temple scheme, and incidentally to suggest that it would be a good idea to ask a dozen or more good union men to offer to donate a day's work right now and donate it to hustling among union men for pledges of a day's work for the temple on June 3. That's a bully suggestion, and The Wageworker would like to have a dozen good union men come right to the front and offer to put in a day soliciting pledges for the temple fund. Such men would deserve to have their names writ high upon the union scroll of fame. The first dozen who offer will meet with a warm reception. Come on, boys!

The Labor Temple project is languishing a little, but it may be the lull before the storm. Only three or four names have been added this week. What's the matter, anyhow? Afraid to get into the game? Shame on you! If you haven't pledged yourself for a day's work towards the Labor Temple you ought to get busy. Telephone your name and street address to The Wageworker. Bell phones 835 and F2837; Auto 2266. Just say "Day's work for the temple," and then give your name and address.

Charles Turner has sold his rooming house business at 1200 P street and is now living again. The building he occupied was sold to a man who wanted to engage in the business for

himself, and Mr. Turner gave up his lease when he sold his furniture. Mr. and Mrs. Turner are figuring on an extended visit with relatives in Iowa soon.

The State Bureau of Labor and Statistics has been little short of a farce for the past five or six years. It would seem about time that something were done to make this department of state worth while. But it will be necessary, before this is accomplished, to put it in the hands of somebody who knows a thing or two about labor and statistics and is not inclined to devote all their time to playing peanut politics.

A FINE DISPLAY.

Whole Window Devoted to Show of Lee's Convict Made Brooms.

The Rudge & Guenzel Co. has devoted one of its Eleventh street windows to a display of Lee's convict made brooms. It must be admitted that the display is a fine one, but we rather doubt the business wisdom of it. Rudge & Guenzel depend upon free labor for their patronage, not upon the labor of convicts. Every time they sell a Lee broom they are helping to beat down free workingmen. That display is an insult to every mechanic in Lincoln who is trying to earn an honest living for himself and family.

If Rudge & Guenzel could hear some of the comments made upon that window display by the mechanics of this city they would probably remove it. No self-respecting mechanic will mean himself by patronizing any institution that makes a specialty of penitentiary made goods. Rudge & Guenzel may be ignorant of the senti-

ment among workingmen, but if they are it is up to them to get wise. If they insist on pushing convict made goods let them enjoy a monopoly on the trade from convicts. Free workingmen can find other places to trade.

STAND BY PREACHER.

Spokane Prints Resent His Exclusion at Delegate.

The Typographical Union of Spokane, Wash., has withdrawn its delegates from the Central Labor Union and will appeal to Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, to take up the question of the unseating of Rev. J. W. Hindley, ministerial delegate, which was brought about at the instance of the Bartenders' Union at a recent meeting. Rev. Mr. Hindley was regularly elected and seated, but the action was rescinded, as noted, at a subsequent meeting, delegates of the Bartenders' Union declaring that a representative of the church could not be other than antagonistic to their interests. The printers were the first to line up in defense of the preacher, who is a tried friend of organized labor, and they will take steps to bring the matter to the attention of the chief executive of the A. F. of L., asking for the seating of Mr. Hindley.—Minnesota Union Advocate.

THE FIRST EFFECTS.

The good effects of the new child labor law are already being felt in Lincoln. Five young Greek boys have been taken out of the shining parlors and put into school. This will have a tendency to stop a "padrone" system that has already taken too strong a hold in this city.

THE TEMPLE PLEDGE

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, AGREE TO DONATE THE WAGE EARNED BY US ON JUNE 3, 1907, TO A LABOR TEMPLE FUND, SAID DONATION TO BE PAID INTO THE HANDS OF A BOARD OF TRUSTEES SELECTED BY THE DONORS AND BY THEM DEPOSITED IN BANK, SUBJECT TO THE CONDITION THAT NO PART OF SAID DONATION SHALL BE USED FOR EXPENSES. IT IS FURTHER UNDERSTOOD THAT THE DONORS SHALL RECEIVE STOCK IN THE LABOR TEMPLE COMPANY EQUAL TO THE AMOUNT CONTRIBUTED. IN CASE SUFFICIENT FUNDS ARE NOT THUS RAISED, IT IS AGREED THAT CONTRIBUTIONS SHALL BE RETURNED WITHOUT DISCOUNT TO THE ORIGINAL DONORS.

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- W. H. Astley, 2619 Q.
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- W. C. Miller, 1144 O St.
- H. W. Essex, 1144 O St.
- H. F. Schultze, 1144 O St.
- F. Cool, 1144 O St.
- F. L. Ryan, 1144 O St.
- F. L. Hazels, 1144 O St.
- J. E. Bixler, 1144 O St.
- J. B. Leard, 1144 O St.
- W. L. Morrifield, 1144 O St.
- E. D. Beard, 120 No. 11th St.
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- H. Kehlenbach, 120 No. 11th St.
- E. A. Patterson, 120 No. 11th St.
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- George Quick.
- Frank Smith 1725 P.
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- C. H. Chase, 2005 N. 30th.
- E. A. Coffman, 3235 P.
- R. E. Traver, 1610 N. 27th.
- A. C. Neese, 2734 Dudley.
- H. Compton, 2541 Y.
- C. W. Axtell, 330 N. 28th.
- Chas. Shelton, 391 T.
- J. L. Shelton, 391 T.
- C. D. Folsom, 3010 P.

How About the City Campaign This Spring?

On May 7 the voters of Lincoln will be called upon to choose the men who will manage the city's business for the next two years. Between now and that date the voters should ask themselves a few questions, and after asking them should seek to give intelligent answers. Here are a few questions they might ask:

Has the city's affairs under the administration of Mayor Brown been economical, wise and efficient?

How does the administration of the past two years compare with the administration of the two or four years previous?

Has the regulation of the liquor traffic been better or worse as compared with former administrations?

Has the police department been better or worse than before?

Common regard for truth will compel an answer to each of these questions that will reflect credit upon the administration of Frank W. Brown. The republicans who feared that Lincoln would go to the devil if a democrat were elected mayor have been happily disappointed. The democrats who imagined that democrats would be given everything they wanted that a republican neighbor had just because a democrat was elected mayor have been equally disappointed. Mayor Brown has disdained to play politics, but has gone right ahead and given Lincoln an administration that has never been equalled for economy, business prudence, enterprise and good results.

The charge that Mayor Brown has shown undue friendship for the saloon interests is a barefaced lie conceived in the brain of a partisan organ that would rather see business depression under a partisan republican than good government under one opposed to its political principles—if "principles" is the right word. Mayor Brown has insisted that men who have complied with the law and paid the license fee demanded of them are entitled to some rights and privileges. He has insisted upon strict regulation, and no one who cares at all for his reputation for truth and veracity will undertake to deny that during the last two years the saloons have been controlled better than ever before in the city's history. Mayor Brown has been chiefly instrumental in bringing about this result, and none know it better than those who, for partisan reasons, undertake to deceive the people in this particular.

Under Mayor Brown public improvements have gone forward at an almost unprecedented rate.

Under Mayor Brown Lincoln at last succeeded in inaugurating a park system that should have been inaugurated a score of years ago.

Under Mayor Brown the city's expenses have been reduced per capita, while better results have been secured from the money expended.

Under Mayor Brown the city's water plant has been vastly improved, and this year will pay a profit of not less than \$20,000 to the city, while furnishing the best quality of water in adequate amount at a price less than one-half that paid in Omaha and other cities where private companies control the water supply.

Under Mayor Brown the city secured a new street railway that is now paying \$100 a month into the city treasury, and the monthly payment grows larger every month.

Under Mayor Brown the efficiency of the police department has been greatly increased without any corresponding increase in the expense of maintaining the department.

Mayor Brown is a business man who has been successful in the management of his own business, and the same business ability that has enabled him to acquire a competence has enabled him to serve the city well in a position calling for business and executive ability.

From the standpoint of organized labor Mayor Brown has done well. He has appointed good union men to office, and these men have reflected

credit upon themselves and upon their organizations. He has cheerfully assisted union men in acquiring better working conditions, as was evidenced in his work on the new city hall contract.

Because of his splendid administration of the city's affairs during the past three years Mayor Brown deserves and should be accorded a re-election by an increased majority.

THE GREAT EXPOSITION.

Marvels of Electricity and Gas Shown to People of Lincoln.

The gas and electric exposition at the auditorium this week is one of the greatest industrial exhibits ever given in the west, and sets a pace that other cities will have to hustle to equal. Never before has the old auditorium been so handsomely decorated, and never before have the merits of gas and electricity for general purposes been demonstrated to greater advantage.

There are upwards of 4,000 incandescent lamps in use inside the building, to say nothing of the hundreds of gas jets using Welsbach and Lindsay burners. The glare is softened by the artistic use of green decorations without at all lessening the brilliancy. The booths are handsome in the extreme, and everything in the gas and electric line is shown. Washing machines operated by electric power, electric ironers, electric curling irons, electric flat irons, electric churns, electric heaters, gas heaters, gas ranges, gas water heaters, electric fans—everything in the way of household conveniences and business builders. In short, at this exposition many things are shown that are absolutely new and novel. In the way of artistic household decorations this exposition eclipses anything ever before attempted, and it is a revelation to everybody who visits it.

The demonstrations in domestic science by Mrs. Hiller have attracted interested crowds, and Mrs. Hiller has, as usual, charmed all by her deft manipulation of food stuffs, her exquisite concoctions and her easy and plain manner of telling plain truths. Every housewife should seize every opportunity that presents to hear Mrs. Hiller.

The work of installing this exposition has been enormous, and those responsible for it are entitled to great credit. Manager Honeywell, of the gas company, and Mr. Mitchell, manager of the new business department of the same company, have labored night and day to make the exposition a success, and exhibitors present who have a world of experience at expositions are a unit in declaring that this one takes precedence over all others.

"Lincoln is entitled to the credit of being the best lighted city of its size in the country," said a Chicago exhibitor. "I am used to fine electric displays, but Lincoln certainly sets a new mark. The work Lincoln merchants are doing is attracting the attention of the country and the advertising is certain to bring beneficial results."

The exposition will close Saturday, and if you have not already visited it you should do so at once. You will always regret having missed it. If you have visited it once you will need no urging to attend again and again.

PERSONAL.

Mrs. Will M. Maupin and children, Lorena, Dorothy and Richard, are visiting with Mrs. Maupin's parents in North Bend, Nebr.

Rollo Wilson, after a season over the vaudeville circuit, is visiting his mother, Mrs. Bert Wilson, in Lincoln. In a few days Rollo will join the Campbell Bros. circus for the summer season.

Eugene V. Debs never shot a feeling Spaniard in the back and then wrote a book boasting of the deed. That makes Debs a very "undesirable citizen."