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ENCOURAGEMENT FROM ST. LOUIS.

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To the Editor of THE WAGEWORKER:

Can an outsider "butt in" as a subscriber to the building fund of the proposed labor temple for your city? If it can be shown (Missouri) that a day's pay in behalf of your enterprise will count as much in Nebraska as in the state of Missouri, I will cheerfully "yield up" one day's work—and do so now. I enclose my check for \$5. It is to be hoped this action will be a stimulus and an incentive in the direction of further days' work to be devoted to the erection of a suitable and imposing building for trades unionists of Lincoln and vicinity. Fraternally,

B. F. SWIGART,
St. Louis Typo. Union No. 8.

Labor Temple Pledges Are Still Rolling In

The first cash contribution to the Labor Temple Fund was received by The Wageworker last week. It came from Frank Swigart, a member of St. Louis Typographical Union No. 8, and has been deposited in the Columbia National bank, subject to the order of the trustees to be selected by the subscribers of the pledge.

Let Frank Swigart's timely donation be the foundation of a fund that will grow so rapidly that Lincoln trades unionists will be able to point to a handsome labor temple before Labor Day, 1908. Read Mr. Swigart's letter elsewhere.

Then Frank Kennedy, editor of the Western Laborer, Omaha, gets into the game. He offers enough to pay five skilled tradesmen each a day's wages in building the temple. That means about \$20. Everybody in this section of the country knows Frank Kennedy. He runs the best labor paper in the country, and he has been in the labor game so long he actually dreams about it o' nights.

"How is your labor temple scheme coming on?" asked a leading banker of The Wageworker man the other day.

"A little slow now, but it will begin booming right away," was the reply.

"Well, just as soon as the union men exhibit the proper spirit you can come to me and I'll give you a good subscription. But the union men ought to first show the rest of us that they mean business."

The Wageworker doesn't know how much this gentleman will subscribe, but if it is less than \$25 The Wageworker will make up the difference. And The Wageworker knows where some more subscriptions are coming from if the union men brace up and do their share. A newspaper man who loves to "roast" the unions and would not employ a "scab" under any consideration, is ready with \$25.

The Wageworker will make this guarantee: Just as soon as union men have raised \$5,000 The Wageworker will guarantee to raise \$1,000 among men who are not trades unionists because they have no trade, but who are our friends and always willing and ready to help us move upward and onward.

But it would be foolish to approach these men for subscriptions before we evidenced a disposition to do a little hustling among ourselves. A score of loyal trade unionists have agreed to give a whole week's work towards the temple if the rank and file will only get busy and show that they really want a temple.

Perhaps you are not posted as to what the scheme is. Well, it is so plain and so square that you can't lose. Here it is:

Every unionist in this vicinity is asked to donate his wages for one day—June 3 has been suggested—towards a building fund. Every dollar thus donated will be represented by a share of stock in the company to be formed. The donors will select a board of three or five trustees to collect and handle the money. Not a dollar is to be expended for "expenses." Every cent goes to the building fund. When the

stock company is organized the shares of the stock will be distributed. Until enough money is in sight every cent collected will be deposited in bank and regular monthly statements made by the trustees.

If you do not want to confine your donation—or subscription—to the amount of one day's pay, just say how many dollars you will invest. It is an investment, and one that will pay good dividends. Prominent business men have expressed the opinion that it will be an unusually good building investment, and they are willing to take stock.

Now, fellow trades unionists, get busy. Shut your ears to the "knockers" and give a little of your spare time to boosting this good work along. Cut the "Temple Pledge" from The Wageworker and circulate it among the members of your union. When you get as many pledges as you can, send the pledge to The Wageworker and the names will be added to the list of "boosters."

We can get a lot of help from the trades unionists of other cities if we will show them that we mean business. But we must "show them."

Cast your eyes over the list of subscribers this week. It shows a healthy growth since last week. Make it grow like Jonah's gourd from now on.

OCTOPUS HUNGRY AGAIN.

Getting Ready to Swallow Another Little Business Firm.

A few years ago Englehart & Co. of this city were engaged in the wholesale meat business. They prospered for a time, but the packing house combine finally decided it was time to call a halt. So Swift & Co. came in and by the use of tricks known to the trust, forced Englehart & Co. to retire from the field. Being out of the meat business Englehart & Co. went into the tallow and hide business. This was a small business at first, but Englehart & Co. made a success of it. They bought of all the local butchers, paid a fair price for what they bought, attended strictly to their work and soon began prospering. For six years they have gone ahead with their work, but as might have been expected, their success in this line again attracted the packing-house trust.

Now comes Swift & Co. again with virtual notice that Englehart & Co. must give up their tallow and hide business. "There is some money in it and we intend to get it," says Swift & Co. "The fact that you built up and developed the business is nothing to us. We are going to have it or ruin you."

The usual tactics have begun. Swift & Co. are offering more for the raw tallow than Englehart & Co. can get for the refined tallow, and the butchers of Lincoln, with the usual short-sightedness, are going to sell to Swift & Co. As soon as competitors are forced out of business Swift & Co. will reduce prices to a minimum for the raw product and hoist them to a maximum for the refined product, and more than make good all losses sustained by

reason of forcing Englehart & Co. to the wall.

If the meat dealers of Lincoln stand for this sort of thing they deserve all that will surely be coming to them as soon as Swift & Co. have a cinch on the business. What local dealers ought to do is to tell Swift & Co. to go to thunder, and keep right on selling their product to Englehart & Co. for a fair price.

CENTRAL LABOR UNION.

First May Meeting Will Be Held Next Tuesday Evening.

The regular meeting of the Central Labor Union will be held next Tuesday evening. Every affiliated union has been notified if its delegates have been "sloughing" their duty, and the chances are that the meeting will be one of the largest in many months.

There is plenty of work for the central body to do, but it will not be done unless the affiliated unions take more interest. If every affiliated union would insist on being represented it would be possible to engage in some organization work that would be beneficial to the union movement in this city. As it is now, the work is practically at a standstill. The Brotherhood of Railway Carmen has been recently organized, but no thanks are due to the central body. The Black-

smith's and Helpers have recently organized, and again no thanks are due the central body. But the central body can organize three or four other branches of industry if the delegates will wake up, attend the meetings and get into the game right.

Remember the regular meeting next Tuesday night, and be there. You do not have to be a delegate to obtain admission. Just show a clear working card at the door, and you will have no trouble in getting inside. Your presence will be a big help.

DEMAND SATURDAY PAY DAY.

Four Thousand Bricklayers Go on Strike at Chicago.

Chicago, May 6.—Building operations all over Chicago and suburbs were badly crippled by a strike of 4,000 bricklayers, allied trades and laborers, who walked out to enforce a Saturday pay day. The strike is the first of consequence to occur in Chicago since May 1. Among the public buildings upon which work was practically brought to a standstill is the new \$5,000,000 county building, now nearing completion. Half a dozen school buildings in course of construction were also caught in the strike.

Clerks in Dayton, O., have applied for a charter.

KENNEDY WANTS TO HELP.

OMAHA, NEB., May 1, 1907.

To the Editor of THE WAGEWORKER:

I note with pleasure your patient, yet persistent, efforts to arouse enthusiasm among the union men of Lincoln to raise funds to build a labor temple.

I want to help you a little. Please put me (The Western Laborer), on your list for sufficient stock in the enterprise to employ a carpenter, a bricklayer, a painter, a plumber and an electrical worker for one day. Lincoln can build a labor temple if the members want it.

With best wishes for the success of the labor enterprise, I am yours fraternally,

FRANK A. KENNEDY,
Editor WESTERN LABORER.

Pressmen Jump Into The Labor Temple Game

The Union Pressmen and Assistants of Lincoln have determined to get into the Labor Temple game, and here they come this week—thirty of them. And just as soon as the rest of them can be seen, the local union will be 100 per cent strong in the temple game. The following pressmen and assistants have agreed to donate one day's wage to the Labor Temple fund:

W. D. King, 2039 M.
C. H. Cameron, 136 N. 21.
F. W. Kolb, 733 H.
Ernest Shaw, 44th & W.
Frank Mayes, 323 S. 29.
E. L. Walters, 1846 M.
George Loar, 313 S. 20th.
E. S. Chevront, 539 S. 7th.
J. H. Buchs, 728 N. 11th.
John Brown, 2028 P.
Jacob Weber, 219 F.
Alex Wekesser, 904 E.
H. W. Werger, 836 S. 23d.
E. H. Zubrigen, 14th and Peach.
W. S. Brown, 1418 F.
Chas. Purce, 1002 Vine.
Ward Betzer, 812 E.
John Metzger, 904 n.
T. Bridges, 3103 Vine.
R. Winch, 1000 D.
James Lobaugh, Cent. Pub. Co.
C. A. Yates, New Century Co.
J. D. Bower, Ivy Press.
E. C. Werger, 1526 N.
A. M. Larimer, 410 N. 12th.
F. Pillar, 1223 Washington.
Otto Werning, 1526 N.
Bayard Vantine, 2735 Durley.
O. O. Robinson, Western Normal.
C. C. Pierce, 419 No. 10th.

At a special meeting of the union last Sunday, J. H. Brooks was unanimously elected delegate to the international convention which meets in New York City next June. T. Bridges was elected alternate. The delegate will be instructed at the next regular meeting of the union. Local pressmen have debated the Higgins agreement to a considerable extent, but no definite conclusion has as yet been reached.

Work continues good in this city, several big state jobs being under way and more in prospect. These state jobs keep the big cylinders revolving a long time.

NOT HARD TO GUESS.

"Labor Leaders" Who Commend the President's Letter to Sherman

Under the date of Washington, April 24, the Lincoln Journal had a dispatch headed: "Uphold Stand of the President. Labor Leaders Sustain Criticism of Moyer and Haywood." The dispatch relates that a couple of labor leaders called on the president and that they left "satisfied with the position the president had taken in the Moyer-Haywood controversy."

Now union men who have kept tab on the union game for years will have no difficulty in guessing what "unions" these so-called labor leaders represented. Yes, you guessed right the very first time. They represented railroad brotherhoods. One was S. B. Hamer, chief conductor of West Virginia of the Order of Railway Conductors. The other was R. H. Graham, attorney for the order.

Did you ever hear of the Order of Railway Conductors standing by anybody else when in trouble. Ever know the Order of Railway Conductors to miss getting next to the management and making peace and then letting the switchmen, the brakemen, the section men and the dispatchers hold the sack.

Somebody has called the railroad brotherhoods the "aristocracy of organized labor." Pretty good name, that. And you can trust the conductors to always be snuggling up to the powers that be, and letting the other fellows shift for themselves.

DESPAIN'S JOB.

Some Remarks by Fremont and Beatrice Newspaper Men.

It is now fully understood that Governor Sheldon appointed Blackmaller Despain to his fat sinecure simply to fulfill a promise, and some men are beloved for keeping their promises, even criminal promises sometimes. Nobody perhaps can give more reasons for his act than the governor himself, and we are inclined to appropriate the words of Colonel Marvin of the Beatrice Sun, as follows: "Let us throw the mantle of charity over the unfortunate position that Governor Sheldon has placed himself in, and bow our heads in regret and shame that the governor of this great commonwealth has become entangled in the meshes of one who, experience has shown, will not hesitate to use his power to advance his own personal interests."—Fremont Herald.

THE BARTENDERS.

Waiting to See What Happens Under the New Excise Board.

Things are a bit quiet in union bartenders circles. There is a full pending developments under the new excise board. The proposed reduction in the number of saloons will, if carried out, throw several men out of employment temporarily. It is not believed, however, that any possible reduction in the number of saloons will permanently affect the situation from the standpoint of the bartenders.

The Fulton Stock Co., which has been playing in St. Joseph for some time, gave a benefit performance for the St. Joseph bartenders union on May 2. The Wageworker is reliably informed that the benefit netted the local a neat sum, and that the affair was a social success.

CAPITAL AUXILIARY MEETS.

Capital Auxiliary No. 11 to Lincoln Typographical Union No. 209 will hold its regular meeting Tuesday 2:30 p. m., May 14, at the home of Mrs. W. C. Norton, 1533 No. Twentyfifth street.

The election of international officer, delegate and alternate, will be held at the same time.

A picnic supper will be served and a social held in the evening to which all members and the families are invited.

The Illinois house of representatives passed the local option bill by a vote of 82 to 62. The bill now goes to the governor for his action.

A WOMAN'S GENEROUS OFFER.

LINCOLN, NEB., May 5, 1907.

To the Editor of THE WAGEWORKER:

If The Wageworker will accept donations from the ladies for the Union labor temple you may put my name down for \$5.00, for I certainly would like to see it a success.

MRS. A. R. GIBSON,

2135 L Street.

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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