

THE WAGEWORKER



Temple Pledge List Still Shows a Healthy Growth

Yes, it is growing, but it is growing at a rate that seems discouragingly slow to some people. But the Wage-worker is not surprised. It believes that before long a wave of enthusiasm will strike the union men of the city, and when it does things will hum along at a merry rate.

The list has been increased quite a bit this week. A lot of printers got into the game this week. A couple of locomotive engineers have taken a hand, and that means more as soon as these two get to work. A well known newspaper man comes in. He is on the list for "one day's work," but when the time comes he will do a lot more than that. A score or more of the men on the list have declared their willingness to make it a week's work and take it out in stock. This means that the list represents a great deal more than just one day's work for each name thereon.

Word comes that a union painter is hustling and has already got a goodly list of his fellows. But the Wage-worker has not been able to get it

yet. There is time. The Wage-worker is willing to give any man time who is hustling for contributions. No use crowding the thing too much.

We'll build a labor temple in Lincoln some of these days. But we ought to hurry. A golden opportunity is rapidly slipping by. We'll be sorry some day if we don't grab it before it is too late.

Every dollar you contribute to the labor temple fund will be represented by a share of stock in the enterprise. No man is asked to make an outright donation. The money will all come back in the shape of dividends. But the best part of it will be the influence for good that a commodious labor temple will have.

If you haven't got into the game yet, do it now! Some other man may be waiting for you to make a start. You may have a few friends whom you see daily who would gladly get into the game if you mentioned the facts to them.

Every man ought to do his part. Are you doing yours?

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- George Loar, 313 S. 20th.
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- John Brown, 2038 P.
- Jacob Weber, 219 F.
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- H. W. Werger, 836 S. 23d.
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SATURDAY HALF-HOLIDAY.

How it may be Secured for Workmen of This City.

Many cities larger even than Lincoln have the Saturday half-holiday during the summer months. Why not Lincoln?

There is one thing that stands in the way just now, and that is the Saturday pay day. Naturally workmen and women spend the bulk of their wages the day they receive them, paying the week's grocery bills, and buying for the week ahead. To accommodate them, and as a mere matter of business, the merchants must keep open on Saturday.

If the merchants did practically no business on Saturday they could perhaps, be induced to entertain the Saturday half-holiday proposition. One of the largest retailers in Lincoln told the editor of the Wageworker last week that he would gladly concede the half-holiday if employers as a rule would make Monday or Tuesday the pay day instead of Saturday.

Why not start a crusade for a Monday pay day in all lines, and when it is secured endeavor to secure the Saturday half-holiday?

This is a matter that local unions would do well to consider and to take action upon at an early date.

Just make it unprofitable for the merchants and manufacturers to keep open on Saturday afternoon and night and they will soon listen to arguments in favor of the half holiday. Lincoln ought to get into the procession along with other progressive cities that have adopted the half-holiday system.

TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION ELECTS.

One of Warmest Fights in History of Local Pulled Off.

Lincoln Typographical Union No. 209 indulged in the luxury of an annual election last Wednesday, and it was one of the most interesting as well as the closest in the history of the organization. Union printers use the Australian form of ballot, and one can understand why so many get mixed up at a general election after nothing that the printers who prepare the aforesaid ballots often seem unable to properly mark them. Several ballots cast Wednesday had to be thrown out on various offices because more candidates than allowable were voted for. While the battle was warm from the start, it was waged good-naturedly as a rule, and there are no more than the usual number of "sore spots." Ninety-one votes were polled, the largest number ever polled by the union. The election resulted as follows:

- President—J. R. Bain, Journal Job chapel.
 - Vice-President—H. C. Peat, Star chapel.
 - Recording Secretary—H. W. Bingham, Freie Presse chapel.
 - Financial Secretary—F. H. Hebbard, Journal news chapel.
 - Sergeant-at-Arms—J. G. Sayer, Journal Job chapel.
 - Executive Committee—C. E. Barngrover, Star chapel; James Leaden, Journal news chapel; Sam Webster, Star chapel.
 - Delegates C. L. U—Abe Compton, News chapel; Charles Love, Journal chapel; Sam Webster.
 - Delegate A. T. C.—Abe Compton, Sam Webster, August Radebach, Gillespie-Phillips chapel.
 - Delegates International—L. L. Ingraham, Star chapel; August Radebach.
 - Alternates—G. E. Locker, Star chapel; J. G. Sayer.
- The officers elected Wednesday will not take their seats until next August, and will serve for one year.

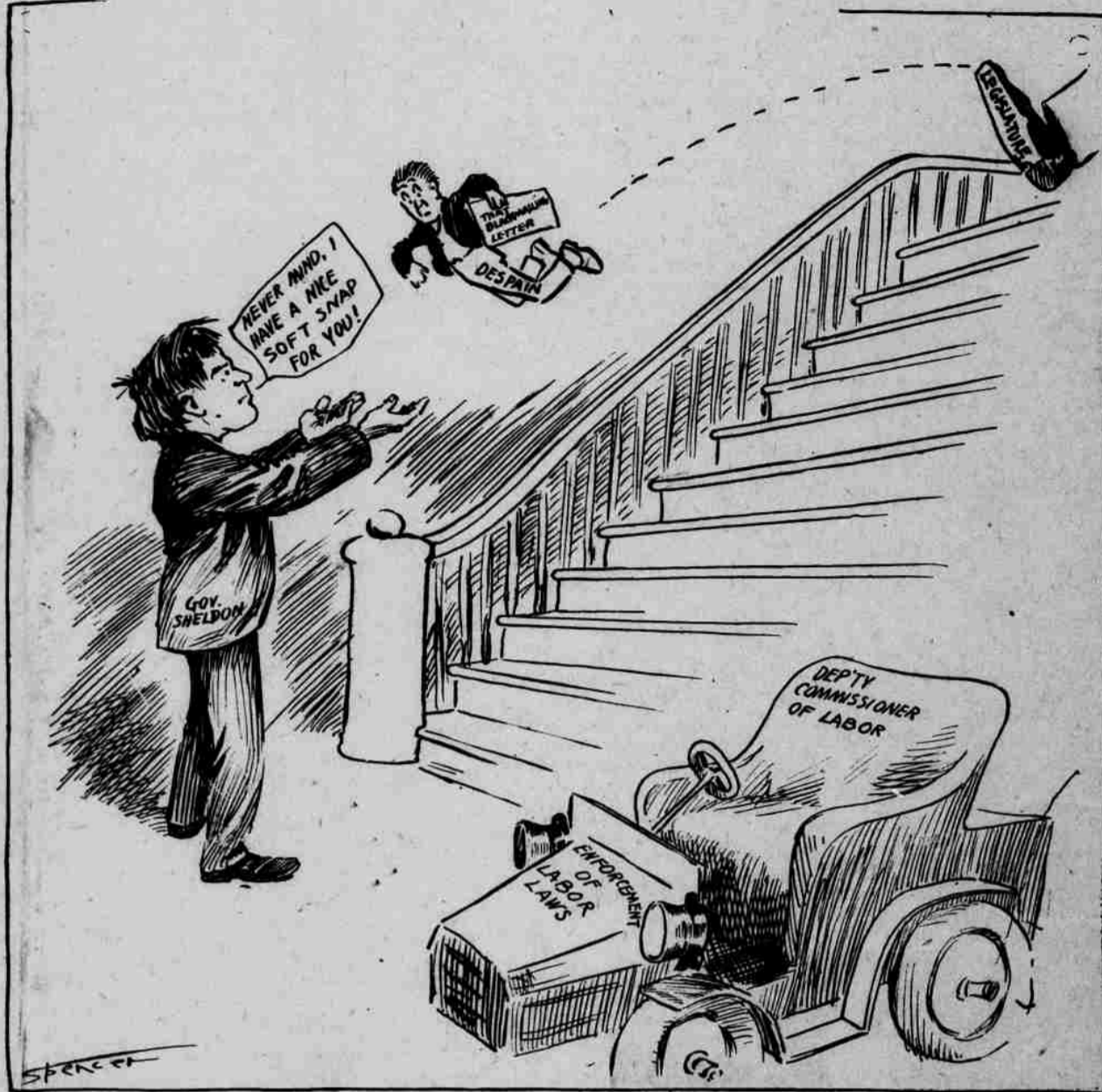
HOME PATRONAGE, PLEASE.

The Commercial Club Preaches But Fails on Practice.

The Commercial Club is much given to preaching "home patronage" and advocating the "build up Lincoln" idea. Both are good stunts, to be sure. But somehow or other the Commercial Club seems much better at preaching than at practicing. After some "pounding" by The Wageworker it did finally put one Lincoln made cigar in its case, but this home made cigar is a slow seller compared with cigars made in New York and Philadelphia factories.

The Commercial Club has had several "trade excursions" in recent

DESPAIN LIGHTING IN A SOFT SPOT



Cartoon by Spencer.

Courtesy of Omaha World-Herald.

years, and it has always taken a band along. Did it take a Lincoln band? Not that anybody knows of, it didn't. While talking about the "home patronage" movement and advocating the idea of building up Lincoln institutions it went to the extreme western part of the state to get a band.

Funny way of "patronizing home" and "building up Lincoln institutions," is it not?

There is plenty of band talent in Lincoln, gentlemen of the Commercial Club. No trouble to get a Lincoln band for your "trade excursions." Why not do a little practicing in between "preaching?"

BOOST FOR THE TEMPLE.

Young Business Man Offers to Come Along With Unionists.

Frank W. Brown, Jr., son of Mayor Brown, stopped The Wageworker editor on the street the other day and asked:

"Does a man have to be a member of a union in order to help on the Labor Temple scheme?"

"I should say not!" exclaimed the editor.

"Well, I want to get into the temple game. On the day you finally decide upon as the day to donate the wages for the temple, count me in. I'll give all I make on that day—even if I sell a building lot."

That's why you will see the name of Frank W. Brown, Jr., on the list of "Labor Temple Boosters." And there is room there for more like him. Also for about 2,500 more union men.

PLASTERERS COMPLAIN.

Union plasterers in Lincoln complain that Contractor Jensen, who is building the Rockefeller temple and who is on the fair list of the Carpenters' Union, has employed non-union plasterers on the temple building. The building trades council seemingly has a field in which to operate. The Wage-worker gladly mentions the complaint of the union plasterers, although to its knowledge it has not more than one union plasterer on its subscription books.

SOME LEGAL FACTS.

But Judge-Made Law Often Sweeps Them Into the Basket.

"Ignorance of the law excuses no man," is an old adage. That's a funny proposition, isn't it?

How is a man to know what the law is unless he is a mindreader, able to fathom the brain of some federal judge?

Legislatures used to enact laws, and were supposed to be the sole law-making power. But that was before federal judges awoke to the fact that the only power in the universe greater than they is the Almighty, and some of them seem to think that even the Almighty plays second fiddle to the federal judiciary. Nowadays a federal judge can, by one swipe of the pen, repeal laws enacted by legislatures and by congress.

Here are two or three facts in law, but they will not stand when a federal judge objects:

A man has a right to do anything as a member of a union that he has a right to do as a private citizen. As a private citizen he has a right to remonstrate with a fellow citizen who is endangering the welfare of both. Federal judges say he has no right to do this as a member of a union. The judge is higher than the law or the constitution.

A man has as much right to free speech as a union man as he has as a private citizen, amenable only to the laws of libel. The federal judge says the union man has no right to speak freely with a non-union man. The judge is higher than the law or the constitution.

The first amendment to the constitution says that "congress shall make no law prohibiting * * * the right of the people peaceably to assemble." Federal judges have swept this constitutional provision aside and issued a law from the bench forbidding citizens who happened to be members of a trade union from peaceably assembling. As union men they have the same constitutional right to assemble that they have as citizens. The judge is higher than the constitution.

The same amendment to the constitution says that congress "shall make no law prohibiting * * * the right of the people * * * to petition the government for a redress of grievances." But even a postmaster general can sweep aside this constitutional provision and make it stick. At any rate a postmaster general prohibited men in the postal service from petitioning congress for redress of grievances. The men in the postal service have as much right to petition as postal employees as they have to petition as citizens. But the postmaster

general is higher than the organic law of the land.

Now, in view of all these facts, how in the name of common sense is a man to know what the law is?

But you must know it, just the same, or some federal judge will send you to jail for your ignorance.

PRINTERS' MEMORIAL DAY.

Lincoln Printers Will Honor Memory of Their Departed Comrades.

Sunday afternoon, May 26, at 2:15, Lincoln Typographical Union No. 209 will observe "Printers' Memorial Day." This custom, which has now received the official sanction of the International Typographical Union, originated with Lincoln Typographical Union, and the ceremonies on May 26 will be the fourth of the annual series.

A cordial invitation is extended to all other unions, and to the general public to meet with the union printers at the First Christian church, Fourteenth and M streets, at the time set and participate in the exercises.

Members of the Typographical Union and Auxiliary will meet at the Lindell hotel corner promptly at 2 o'clock and proceed in a body to the church. Immediately after the church ceremonies the printers and the women of the Auxiliary will take a special car at Thirteenth and O streets and proceed to Wyuka cemetery, where the usual decoration services will be held. The following program has been arranged:

- At the Church.
- Song, "Just As I Am".....Assembly
- Invocation.....Rev. H. H. Harmon
- Pastor First Christian Church.
- Song, "Refuge".....Assembly
- The Typographical Union, F. M. Coffey
- President L. T. U., No. 209.
- Song, "Sweet By and By".....Assembly
- Memorial Address.....William J. Bryan
- Benediction.....Rev. S. Z. Batten
- Pastor First Baptist Church.
- At the Cemetery.
- Song, "Nearer, My God, to Thee,"
- Invocation.....Assembly
- Invocation.....Rev. S. Z. Batten
- "Our Union Dead".....Erastine King
- By Mrs. L. T. U., No. 209.
- Song, "Going Down the Valley,"
-Assembly
- Address, "The Invisible Comrade,"
-R. L. Metcalfe
- Decoration of burial lot.....Auxiliary
- Song, Doxology.....Assembly
- "Taps".....Miss Ruth Walters
- Benediction.....Rev. H. H. Harmon