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## Salaries Drawn by Union Labor Officials

Very few union men know what wages are paid to their servants, such as organizers and national officers. Below will be found a list of the leading trade unions with the wages or salaries that are paid to the respective officers:

**Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers**—President, \$2,160 per year and traveling expenses; secretary, \$1,800 per year; assistant secretary, \$1,200 per year; "editor," \$1,400 per year; insurance secretary, \$1,200 per year.

**Glass Bottle Blowers' Association**—President, \$2,400 per year; vice-president, \$1,800 per year; secretary, \$1,800 per year; organizers, \$3 per day and expenses.

**Window Glass Workers**—President, \$50 per week and expenses; secretary, \$40 per week and expenses.

**Longshoremen**—President, \$2,500 per year, all traveling and hotel expenses; secretary, \$2,250 per year; vice-president and organizers, \$4 per day, hotel, transportation and incidentals.

**International Brotherhood of Blacksmiths**—President's salary, \$100 per month and all expenses; secretary's salary, \$100 per month and all necessary expenses; organizer, \$3 per day and all expenses.

**United Brewery Workmen**—President, \$30 per week and all expenses; secretary, \$30 per week and all expenses; organizer, \$5 per day, railroad fare and all necessary expenses.

**Bridge and Structural Ironworkers**—President, \$2,000 per year and expenses; secretary, \$1,800 per year; organizer, \$5 per day, railroad fare and \$3 per day expenses.

**Broom and Whisk Makers' Union**—Secretary, \$75 per month.

**Journeyman Barbers' Union**—President, \$100 per month and expenses; secretary, \$1,800 per year; editor, \$2,000 per year; organizer, \$1,200 and expenses.

**Carpenters' Union**—President, \$2,000 per year and expenses secretary, \$2,000 per year; treasurer, \$1,800 per year; organizers, \$4 per day and all expenses.

**Elevator Constructors**—Organizers and president, \$8 per day and railroad fare secretary, \$1,500 per year.

**Electrical Workers**—President, \$2,000 per year and expenses; secretary, \$2,000 per year; treasurer, \$2,000 per year. While traveling each receives \$2 per day hotel expenses and all necessary traveling expenses.

**Theatrical and Stage Employes**—President, \$1,000 per year, \$5 per day expenses and railroad fare; secretary, \$2,300 per year.

**Iron Molders**—President, \$1,800 per year and traveling expenses vice-president, \$1,500 per year and traveling expenses; secretary, \$1,400 per year; financiers, \$1,300 per year and expenses; treasurer, \$900 per year and \$3 per day expenses attending meeting; editor of Journal, \$1,500 per year.

**Metal Polishers, Buffers, Platers, Brass Molders and Brass and Silver Workers**—President, \$1,500 per year and expenses; secretary, \$1,500 per year; organizers, \$125 per month and all expenses.

**Machinists**—President, \$1,800 per year, railroad, hotel and incidental expenses; vice-president, \$1,200 per year and actual expenses; secretary, \$1,200 per year; assistant secretary, \$1,200 per year; editor, \$1,500 per year; organizers, \$4 per day, hotel, railway and incidental expenses.

**Operative Potters**—President, \$1,400 per year and expenses; vice-president, \$1,200 per year and expenses; secretary, \$1,200 per year.

**Plumbers, Gas Fitters and Steam Fitters**—President, secretary and organizers, all receiving \$1,500 per year and expenses.

**Printing Pressmen**—President, \$1,800, \$3 a day for hotel, railroad and incidental expenses; secretary, \$1,800 per year; organizers, \$5 per day and expenses.

**Painters, Decorators and Paper Hangers**—President, \$150 per month, \$2.50 a day for hotel, railroad fare and \$1 per day for incidentals; secretary, \$150 per month; general organizers, \$150 per month, \$2.50 for hotel and other expenses; other organizers, \$3.50 per day, \$2.50 for hotel, railroad and other expenses.

**Pattern Makers**—President, \$1,200

per year and all traveling expenses; secretary, \$1,500 per year.

**Steam Engineers**—President, \$2,500 per year and expenses; secretary \$150 per month; organizers, \$4 per day and expenses.

**Street and Electric Railway Employes**—President, \$2,500 per year and other expenses, 30 days' vacation per year; organizers, \$6 per day and expenses.

**Teamsters**—President, \$150 per month, \$2.50 hotel and incidental expenses; secretary \$150 per month; vice-president, and organizers, \$5 per day, \$2.50 hotel and incidental expenses.

**Railroad Telegraphers**—President, \$3,500 per year and expenses; secretary, \$3,000 per year and expenses; vice-president and organizers, \$1,600 per year and expenses.

**Commercial Telegraphers**—President, \$1,600 per year and expenses; secretary, \$1,600 per year; editor, \$1,200 per year.

**Mine Workers**—President, \$3,000 per year and all expenses; secretary, \$2,500 per year and all expenses; executive board members, \$4 a day and all expenses; organizers, \$3.75 and all expenses.

**Wood, Wire and Metal Lathers**—President, \$1,500 per year; \$2 hotel expenses and railroad and incidentals; secretary, \$30 per week.

**Brick, Tile and Terra Cotta Workers**—President, \$210 per month.

**Boilermakers and Iron Shipbuilders**—President, \$1,500 per year and expenses; secretary, \$1,500 per year.

**Cigarmakers' Union**—President, \$30 per week and expenses; organizers, \$18 per week, railroad fare and \$2 per day expenses.

**Coopers' International**—Secretary, \$25 per week; organizers, \$6 per day and railroad fare.

**Cigar Workers' Union**—President, \$1,200 per year; secretary, \$1,200 per year; organizers, \$3 per day, railroad fare and all expenses.

**THE CARPENTERS.**

Arranging for a Big Special Meeting First Tuesday in July.

The Carpenters' Union is arranging for a big special meeting the first Tuesday in July, and all members are hereby notified that their presence on that date is necessary. Some unusually important business is to be transacted.

Summer work is on in full swing, and all carpenters are busy. The building boom shows no signs of a relapse, but on the contrary seems to be growing bigger every day.

The outlook for the building trades in Denver for the present season is everything that could be desired, says the News. The last of the strike troubles have been settled, and what promises to be a complicated situation a month ago has been straightened out, and a season of prosperity is in store for Denver. The millmen report that their agreement with the owners is being carried out in good faith by both parties to the agreement, and that their union is taking in new members at every meeting. The prospective trouble with the carpenters is adjusting itself, and no serious trouble is in prospect.

Charlestown, W. Va., carpenters have settled with the last remaining contractor and now have the closed shop without an exception.

The New Haven, Conn., Carpenters' Union called out 350 members last week to enforce a demand for the eight-hour day at \$3.25 per day.

General Secretary Treasurer Frank Duffy, of Indianapolis, of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, placed \$25,000 in a Boston bank last week to aid the mill men now on strike.

Every union carpenter in Lincoln is interested in the building of a Labor Temple. Therefore every union carpenter who can should attend the open meeting of the Central Labor Union next Tuesday evening and help boom the scheme along. Free smokes.

**WOMAN'S LABEL LEAGUE.**

Lincoln Local Needs to Be Encouraged by Unionists.

Of late the Woman's Union Label League of Lincoln has not been in a

thriving condition, due almost wholly to the fact that union men, who need most its good influence, have neglected it shamefully. A few faithful members are striving to keep the charter and to build up the organization, but they find the work hard and discouraging. The local still holds regular meetings at Central Labor Union hall on the second and fourth Mondays. The union men of Lincoln ought to get busy. The wife of every union man should be a member of this worthy organization.

The International Woman's Union Label League at the close of their convention at Logansport, Ind., elected and installed the following officers:

President—Mrs. Gerald, Chicago.

First vice president—Mrs. O. P. Smith, Logansport, Ind.

Third vice president—Catherine Mauer, Syracuse, N. Y.

Fourth vice president—Mrs. Lenhart, Des Moines, Iowa.

Secretary-treasurer—Mrs. Anna B. Fields, Elwood, Ind.

Parliamentarian—Mrs. Mary L. Doe, Bay City, Mich.

The convention of 1908 will be held at Louisville, Ky.

workers on Horse Goods was withdrawn from the shop when the paroled convict was put to work. The report is to the effect that Walthers secured the parole and gave the proper bond. Union men, and especially union teamsters, are urged to bear these facts in mind.

**MISS HALEY IS OUT.**

Leader of Chicago Teachers' Union Placed on Shelf.

Margaret Haley, business agent of the teachers' union, was laid on the pension shelf last week at her own request. She has been on the teachers' unassigned list since 1900, but has drawn a salary from the teachers' organization of \$1,200. She will now receive less than \$400 yearly.

It is understood by members of the board of education that the teachers' union realizes that it is up against a hard proposition and the position of business agent may be abolished. This is the only explanation for Miss Haley's request at this late date. She caused considerable surprise, as she gave her age as 45 years, and she has been teaching in the Chicago schools since 1878.

## Mass Meeting to Boost Labor Temple Project

Next Tuesday evening at Central Labor Union hall, 1034 O street, the Central Labor Union will hold an open meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to adopt plans for the immediate pushing of the work of organizing a Labor Temple Building Association and starting the work of raising the funds to erect the temple.

Every union man interested in the project—and every one should be—should make it a point to be present. The Wageworker, in order to contribute something to the interest of the occasion, will provide a sufficiency of union made cigars for those who attend.

Come up and enjoy a good smoke, a good time and some good talks.

The temple project has been pushed just far enough to prove that if a systematic effort is made a fine building can be erected without financial burdens being placed upon the shoulders of the unionists of the city. Without any especial effort The Wageworker has already secured pledges amounting to upwards of \$1,000, and less than 150 men are represented in that amount. An equal proportion from one-half the union men in Lincoln would mean a Labor Temple before the opening of the national campaign next year.

The Wageworker has no favorite plan to submit. It is interested only in securing a Labor Temple. It merely advocates the organization of a stock company with a capital of \$50,000, divided into 50,000 shares of \$1 each; these shares to be sold at par

to unionists and the friends of trades unionists. The business management to be in the hands of a board elected by the subscribers to the capital stock, and each union subscribing as a body for a certain amount of stock—\$250 or more—to be entitled to one member of the board.

The plan is very simple, and business men to whom it has been explained have expressed surprise that the trades unions of Lincoln have not worked it long ago and thus accumulated a valuable property instead of spending money for rents. Several of them have manifested a willingness to invest in the stock of such a company, declaring it to be a safe investment.

Come to the mass meeting next Tuesday night!

Come prepared to give your advice and assistance in the matter of providing yourselves with a union home.

Come and enjoy a good union made cigar at the expense of The Wageworker.

Frank A. Kennedy, editor of the Western Laborer, Omaha, will be present and give one of his cracker-jack union talks. He knows the game from Alpha to Omaha, from Hades to Breakfast.

A little effort on your part—and an effort that means more for you than for anybody else—will mean success.

Just take an hour off from pleasure and attend to your own business for a little bit.

Central Labor Union hall, 1034 O street.

Tuesday evening, June 25.

## LABOR TEMPLE MEETING

**TUESDAY EVENING, JUNE 25,** there will be an Open Meeting of the Central Labor Union at the central body's hall, 1034 O street. Every union man who is interested in the movement to erect a Labor Temple is urged to be there at 8:30. "Smokes" will be provided, and an effort made to outline a plan that will result in the erection of a Labor Temple in Lincoln. Tell your friends and neighbors about the meeting, and urge them to attend—then come yourself.

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### FRANK A. KENNEDY

Editor of the Omaha Western Laborer, and others, WILL ADDRESS THE MEETING

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The talks will be short, and as good as the Union Made Cigars that will be provided.

## Pressmen Defeat Mr. Higgins

The Pressmen's and Assistants' International Union in session at New York this week defeated President Martin Higgins for re-election. Barry of San Francisco was elected hands down. McMullen, whose address is not given, was elected secretary-treasurer. This is a virtual turndown of the nine-hour open-shop agreement engineered by Higgins with the United Typothete.

Barry of San Francisco led the fight against Higgins and the agreement, and was ably backed by McMullen Barry is a red-hot advocate of a closer alliance between the printing crafts, and his election will mean the resumption of relations if the Typographical Union will meet half-way. For several years, relations between the printers and the pressmen have been strained, and especially during the last few months, when the fight seems to have narrowed down to a war of abuse between President Lynch and President Higgins. Lynch was right in his contention that Higgins had engineered an open shop deal, but Higgins was right in declaring that the Typographical Union under the Lynch management had given the pressmen the worst of it. Now that the pressmen

have signified their readiness to quit playing horse it is up to the printers to do the same thing. These two crafts have every reason to maintain the closest relations, and the long scrap has worked injury to both of them.

There is, however, one bad feature about the repudiation of the Higgins' administration. It will give the opponents of unionism an opportunity to declare that another trades union has repudiated its contract, and it will be difficult to make the general public see the truth. The contract made by Higgins with the Typothete was not binding unless ratified by the referendum or the convention, although the open shop advocates sought to show that it was, and have virtually led the public to believe it. It now remains for the pressmen and assistants to set the public right.

In the meanwhile every effort should be made to get the printers and pressmen closer together, bury the hatchet and resume the old friendly relations when an injury to one craft was resented by the other. The Wageworker believes President Barry will be able to pick up all the loose ends and make the union stronger and more virile than ever.

**THE ULTERIOR MOTIVE.**

Not Interested in Astronomy, But Wanted Something Else.

The great manufacturer visited the famous astronomer, and throwing down a \$10,000 bill, said:

"I want you to devote a year or two to the work of ascertaining whether Mars is inhabited."

"I will gladly undertake the task," said the astronomer.

"And if you find that Mars is inhabited I'll give you ten times that amount if you'll find some way of establishing travel between us."

"That, I fear, will be impossible," said the astronomer.

"Well, you prove that Mars is inhabited and we'll do the rest."

"Why, may I ask, are you so anxious to establish travel between the two planets?" queried the man of the stars and asteroids.

"Just this," snapped the great manufacturer. "We've got to find more children for our mills, and we've made up our minds to bust these labor unions, cost what it may. You get us into communication with Mars and we'll frame up a scheme to get her kids and ignorant men and women into our mills. Then we'll be fixed on the labor question for another hundred years.—Commoner.

**HIRES A CONVICT.**

A. L. Walthers, a harness maker doing business on South Tenth street, is reported as having employed a paroled convict in his shop. One member of the local union of Leather-

**PLAY FAIR, BOYS!**

Plenty of Argument Against "Scab" Tobacco Without Prevaricating.

A number of labor exchanges are reprinting the story to the effect that the United States Bureau of Agriculture has analyzed a lot of smoking tobacco and found that certain named brands were made out of sawdust boiled in tobacco juice extracted from stems, bran similarly treated and other concoctions. The Wageworker hoped the reports were true, for all the tobaccos named were "scab" made. But it wanted to be sure of the facts, so the editor cut out one of the reports and mailed it to the Department of Agriculture, asking for the facts. The following reply has been received:

United States Department of Agriculture, Department of Chemistry, Washington, D. C., June 14.—To the Editor of The Wageworker: I beg to acknowledge your letter of the 5th inst. addressed to the Department of Agriculture, enclosing a newspaper clipping purporting to give the analysis by this department of certain brands of tobacco. The statement is entirely false, as this department has made no such analysis or report.

H. W. WILBY, Chief.

Play fair, boys. There are plenty of reasons for "knocking" the "scab" tobacco without descending to downright falsehood. The mere fact that it is "scab" is enough.

The eight-hour agreement has been signed by all the printing firms in Montreal.

**TELEGRAPHERS WILL STRIKE.**

Date and Details Left in the Hands of General Executive Committee.

The general executive board of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union of America, in session in New York, has approved a strike against either or both the Western Union and Postal Telegraph companies.

This announcement was made last Wednesday by Deputy President S. J. Koenkamp, of the union. The date for the beginning of the strike is left to President S. J. Small, but the first move is expected to take place in the next week or ten days.

Mr. Koenkamp said, when questioned, that a tax of one day's pay per week has been levied against all the members of the union.

Notwithstanding the strike announcement Commissioner of Labor Neill is continuing his investigation with the view of an adjustment of the controversy and has today been in consultation with the officers of the civic federation as well as with those of the telegraph companies and the union.

There are but four or five members of the union in Lincoln, and it is not thought that the strike will have any

effect here. It will be confined largely to the centers of population where the work is very heavy. The telegraphers are in better shape from the standpoint of organization than ever before.

The members of the Order of Railway Telegraphers will not be affected by the strike, but it is more than likely that they will render assistance. Unless the members are ordered to take the places of striking commercial operators the O. R. T. will lay low and render financial assistance.

**HAIL, JOHNSON!**

"Fatty" Johnson, printer and all-around good fellow, is in Lincoln temporarily. If there is anything about the union game that Johnson doesn't know it came up since he last took a nap. Union to the backbone, and always on the alert, Johnson has secured more benefits for his fellow craftsmen than any other man in the business. Here's to "Fatty" Johnson and the memories of old days on the river!

**UNION MADE STRAW HATS.**

United Hatters' International Union has established an international death benefit system, and also extended its jurisdiction so as to include the men who make men's straw hats.