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A PRINTER "DOPE SHEET"

In his report to St. Louis Typographical Union, No. 8, Delegate Pepon, referring to the Swigart case, said: "Several delegates and three labor editors tried to stir up trouble."

And thereby hangs a tale of "cold feet," and a "throw down" that is as interesting as it is annoying.

B. Frank Swigart of St. Louis Typographical Union took a great interest in building up the library at the Home in Colorado Springs. He worked early and late to secure contributions. Something that he performed did not meet with the approval of the executive council and he was peremptorily ordered to cease soliciting books in the name of the union. Swigart defied the order, which was tyrannical. Immediately the council declared that it would find a way to enforce its mandate, and declining to further discuss the matter said the whole thing would be brought up at the Hot Springs convention. Swigart, in defiance of the mandate, went right ahead with his work, exhibiting an independence that was in ill keeping with his cowardice later. The executive council in effect charged Swigart with hampering the executive council, and with something that approached "crooked work." Swigart was denied access to the columns of the Typographical Journal, while the friends of the council were given all the space they wanted. Swigart immediately got busy to rally friends to his standard. Among those he called upon was the editor of The Wagerworker, and the editor responded, although he had never met Swigart personally. Kennedy of Omaha also came to the front. Dirks, Wilson and another good Indian of St. Louis whose name cannot at this moment be recalled, also responded, not only with voice and pen but with financial assistance.

Swigart had all the right of the case on his side, but instead of fighting to the finish, as he should have done, he made a miserable compromise with the executive council and left his friends hanging high and dry in the air. Pepon of St. Louis is the man who persuaded Swigart to "lay down," accept a compromise that was really an insult to his intelligence, and "throw" his real friends. The executive council showed by its subsequent action that it did not dare to bring the matter up itself and fight it out on its merits. It clearly revealed the fact that it would rely on Swigart laying down or the well known fact that the council has succeeded in "buffaloing" the convention. Accordingly Pepon, who was delegated by both President Lynch and Swigart to act as the "go between," framed up the following resolution, which was presented to the convention and adopted:

Whereas, B. Frank Swigart, a member of St. Louis Typographical Union No. 8, has been devoting large portions of his time and has expended considerable of his income in the building of a creditable library at the Union Printers' home, which work, in conjunction with that of others, was endorsed by the Colorado Springs convention; and

Whereas, Mr. Swigart has concluded his labors, which represent several thousand volumes, many of them autographed by men of prominence in the field of letters, art and statesmanship; and

Whereas, The executive council did, some time ago, instruct Mr. Swigart to discontinue his solicitation of books for the library, which instructions were not at once obeyed by Mr. Swigart, owing to his misconception of their intent; and

Whereas, The executive council did not in its order reflect upon Mr. Swigart's honesty in the matter; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the fifty-third session of the International Typographical Union does hereby tender its thanks to Mr. Swigart for his good work, but at the same time approves of the action of the executive council, and expresses as its decision that in similar cases in the future the orders of the executive council must be obeyed, pending appeal to the convention.

This resolution contains two rank falsehoods, known to be such by Swigart, Pepon who framed them, and the executive council which agreed to accept them. The first is contained in the third paragraph. Swigart did not misconstrue the order of the executive council; On the contrary he understood it perfectly. The second falsehood is in the fourth paragraph. The executive council did, by inference, cast reflections upon Swigart's honesty. Swigart framed a resolution which contained the exact facts and which threw down the gauntlet to the executive council. The editor of The Wagerworker advised him to fight till he reached the last ditch, and if he

met defeat to meet it like a man. Other friends—real friends—advised him the same way. But he preferred the "compromise" which insulted his intelligence by stating that he "misconstrued the intent of the executive council."

If Swigart is satisfied with the resolution as adopted, all right. The humble editor of this humble little labor paper would rather be thrown down and walked on by a convention than to submit to anything like it, provided he believed he was in the right. And B. Frank Swigart had all the right of it until he showed the white feather.

Beginning with September 1, the print shop conducted by George Bros., went on the eight hour basis in all departments. The printers have had the eight hour day for a long time, but the pressroom and bindery have been working nine hours. The action of the firm is appreciated by the employees. The George printery is as square as they make 'em.

Col. J. C. Morgan, formerly of Nebraska, but now of Washington, D. C., was in Lincoln a day or two last week. Col. Morgan has been in the patent division of the Government Printing Office for twelve years, and in addition to wearing a union button he wears the little bronze button of the Grand Army of the Republic. Seventeen years ago Col. Morgan and the editor of The Wagerworker worked side by side. He is a union man from A to Z. His call at The Wagerworker office was a pleasant one, and his comments on things printorial in Washington full of lively interest. And Stillings' ears must have burned.

The Barnum & Bailey circus did not have the label on the printed matter it put up in Lincoln, but it has promised to patronize only a union show printing house next year.

Mr. West has brought his family to Lincoln from Omaha and expects to print in Lincoln for a long time to come.

W. D. Stoner has transferred from the Journal side to the News side.

Chris Peterson has transferred to the book chapel in the Journal shop. John Long is back from Council Bluffs.

"Jack" Curry, who went to Omaha only to get sick, hiked back to Lincoln as soon as he could.

Art Ellis went back to Omaha last week, and expects to go on through to Chicago a little later.

George Locker has gone to Hastings to operate a "mill" in the Watkins Bros., printery.

V. F. Rockey, formerly of Lincoln, is now operating a "mill" in Ottawa, Ill. C. B. Righter expects his new "mill" to arrive about the first of the month.

Leon Huckins, formerly a member of the local union, has been appointed "instructor" in the printing department of the earney Industrial school.

Frank Kennedy, THE executive council of the B. O. O. Z., is getting too blamed arrogant, and the most worshipful secretary, which is us, is going to see whether or not he can do all the viping. Notice is hereby served on THE executive council that all financial transactions of the past are wiped

from the most worshipful secretary's books and are no longer of force and effect. Guess that will make THE executive council sit up and take some notice of the most worshipful secretary's rights in the premises. If we do not hear from Most Worshipful President Harris pretty soon we are going to scratch his name from the books and elect a new president without asking either the advice of the consent of THE executive council. Harris has got to come to the front with a stunt of viping if he expects to keep in the B. O. O. Z.

At the next meeting of the Benevolent Order of ZooZ the most worshipful secretary will propose the name of L. L. Ingraham of Lincoln for probationary membership. His report as delegate entitled him to the honor.

Really all this vociferous silence from Butte portends something, but darned if we know what it is. Bet it is an humble apology for daring to oppose the executive council. Any takers?

According to reports the situation in Fremont remains practically unchanged. The Tribune plant is practically tied up, while the striking printers have about all been placed, leaving only enough to properly look after any strike breakers who might drift in.

H. W. Smith submitted to a civil examination for a department position under the government, and he is now patiently waiting for the call to hasten to Washington and get his name on the pay roll of Uncle Sam for a good round sum.

Frank Coffey came down from Fremont a few hours Sunday. He says the Fremont situation is well in hand.

COMING CONVENTIONS.

Dates of Meeting of International Union Conventions for 1907.

September 16—New Orleans; Bridge and Structural Iron Workers.

September 16—New York City; Wood Carvers.

September 27—Waldon, N. Y.; Pocket Knife Grinders and Finishers.

October 6—Milwaukee; Blacksmiths and Helpers.

October 7—Chicago; Photo-Engravers' Union.

October 7—Bay City, Mich.; Shipwrights, Joiners and Caulkers.

October 15—Rochester, N. Y.; International Car Workers' Association.

October 15—Providence, R. I.; United Textile Workers.

November 11—Norfolk, Va.; American Federation of Labor.

December 2—Chicago; Bill Posters and Billers.

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DRESS PATTERNS.

New York Typographical Union, No. 6, states that the following patterns are fair:

- McCall's.
 - Independent Peerless.
 - Pictorial Review.
 - Union Dime.
 - Paris Modes.
 - Economy.
 - Home Pattern Company.
- All the Butterick patterns and publications are way up on the list of scabs, and should not be allowed in any workman's home, especially if he is a union man.

FORGET ALL THE OTHER DAYS

1907-SEPTEMBER-1907

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

BUT REMEMBER THESE TEN

1907-OCTOBER-1907

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
ESPECIALLY THESE FOUR						
1	2	3	4	5		

Comic Automobile Parade - TUESDAY NIGHT, OCT. 1.
Grand Electrical Parade - WEDNESDAY NIGHT, OCT. 2.
Ladies Float Parade - THURSDAY AFTERNOON, OCT. 3.
Coronation and Grand Ball - FRIDAY NIGHT, OCT. 4.

AK-SAR-BEN CARNIVAL DAYS AT OMAHA