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THE LABOR TEMPLE.

Every day The Wageworker is asked, "What about the Labor Temple?"

Just be patient, brothers. The matter is working out to a proper solution. The mere fact that a concerted action has been begun is in itself promising. After three years of agitation without tangible results, a committee has at last been brought together that shows every indication of being interested to the point of sacrificing time and money to push the project along. A project as big as this cannot be launched in a day. There are a thousand and one things to provide for, and the committee is providing these things as rapidly as possible. The men who have the matter in charge are enthusiastic, but conservative. They may be trusted to safeguard the interests of the individuals as well as the unions. Their first concern is for the cause of labor.

The committee needs help, and this help is easy to give. It need not be money at this time. But the help can be of a moral nature. Talk labor temple among yourselves. Talk it with your butcher and baker and grocer. Talk it in your churches. Talk it at home and on the job and on the streets. Be optimists always. Don't slur the great organization by saying, "O, we haven't got brains enough to handle such a big proposition." Just make up your minds that it can be done, and then do it.

As rapidly as the committee progresses The Wageworker will keep the world of labor organizations informed. Everything will be done in the open. It is time for the "back-copper" and the "grouch" to take a back seat. If you can't boost, for heaven's sake don't knock!

CALLED TO ACCOUNT.

Elsewhere will be found the facts relating to the suit for libel brought against C. W. Post by Colliers' Weekly. This man Post has been shooting off his mouth a whole lot lately, and it was only a question of time when he would be brought up with a round turn. The fact that he was the possessor of a big bunch of money deceived him into believing that he could say what he pleased without being amenable to the laws. He will know better when he is through with Colliers' Weekly.

If the courts continue their policy of holding trades unions responsible as organizations, Post is likely to get a few more doses of his own medicine. If he can hold unions responsible in court, then unions can hold him responsible, and in that event he will be called to account for some of his libelous and brutal charges against individual unionists and unions as organizations. There are two sides to every question, and this eminent practitioner of the "affinity" idea may find himself so badly tangled up on one side of the question that he will not have a chance to monkey any with the other.

GOOD FOR RYDER!

Deputy Commissioner of Labor Ryder has served notice on the local theatres that "child acts" will be barred under the new child labor law. He furthermore serves notice that he will see to the enforcement of the law.

Good for Ryder! A whole lot of lazy parents have lived in fatness on the precocity of their helpless children, and it is time that this class of cattle be forced to earn their own livelihood and let their children have the advantages of an education.

The attention of Commissioner Ry-

der and the local truant officer is called to the fact that there are a lot of boys under school age and inside the inhibition of the child labor law who are driving delivery wagons and delivering messages in Lincoln.

Give the boys and girls their play time and their school time. They will find it hard enough to make life's fight even when equipped with a good education and a physique strong and rugged from plenty of healthy play-time in childhood.

Of course organized labor will tear its shirt for both of the Nebraska state tickets. There is not a union man on either ticket, state or county, so far as we have been able to learn. Once more the union voters have pulled political chestnuts from the fire for the delectation of the politicians.

Railroad Commissioner Clarke pulls through for the nomination by a meagre plurality. His defeat would have been a disgrace to the unionists of Nebraska. And as it is they are entitled to no credit for his nomination. The trouble with organized labor is that it is too prone to forget its friends.

If The Wageworker contains no news about the union of your craft the fault lies with the union, not with The Wageworker. Every local is cordially invited to appoint a "press agent" to send in items of interest about the craft. We want 'em.

Unionists should bear in mind the fact that the Bijou theatre would have been ready before this if Manager Gorman had not insisted on having every lick of work done by union men. The way to stand by your friends is to stand by them.

A lot of Lincoln merchants are trying to "build up Lincoln institutions" by refusing to handle a Lincoln made broom, preferring to "build up Lincoln institutions" by handling brooms made in the penitentiary.

Organized labor will make more rapid advances when it devotes more time to boosting its friends and less time to knocking on its enemies.

Some employers insist on "running their own business," but deny to the workingman any voice in the management of his own business.

Boost for the Labor Temple. You will not be guilty of violating your obligation if you work a little over time at the boosting game.

The willing horse is usually allowed to pull the most of the load. That's as true in local unions as it is in transfer work.

The machinists are the last to discover a "grafter" in their ranks. The "grafter" in labor ranks is worse than a plague.

When Collier proceeds to collect that judgment the stenographer will have to curtail on her millinery bills.

It is your duty, as well as your blessed privilege, to call for the union label every time you make a purchase.

A union card rests uneasy in the pocket of a coat that does not bear the label.

There is no virtue in a card that does not carry a current dues stamp.

The best way to boycott unfair goods is to insist upon the union label.

OUR BRIGHT EXCHANGES.

The lack of confidence in Wall street is but a lack of confidence in a confidence game.—Erie Union Labor Journal.

No country can contain too many prosperous consumers. Therefore, let the workday be shortened and the wages raised.—Baltimore Labor Leader.

Bawl them out—they deserve it if they sit still in a meeting and silently acquiesce to any action taken by the union which they do not intend to keep inviolate.—Seattle Union Record.

John D. Rockefeller says he works for the public. All right enough, except the "for."—Sioux City Union Advocate.

It is becoming a fad with the rich to take walks in the rain. It is about all that if left to take.—Zanesville Labor Journal.

A New York bricklayer fell six stories, and then indignantly struck a man who wanted to call an ambulance for him. He evidently feared they would operate on him if they ever got him into a hospital.—Bricklayer and Mason.

A FOE OF LABOR.

Chicago Record-Herald Gives Parry a Stinging Rebuke.

When it comes to a discussion of the labor question, Mr. D. M. Parry, of Indianapolis, knows perfectly well that none can be quite right but himself. He is an employer of labor, and he is not at all slow in urging that capital must be protected by special laws, and that it is necessary for capitalists to stand shoulder to shoulder in behalf of their rights. The same plea for special legislation or protection, the same sort of organization on the part of labor, is, to Mr. Parry, only to be considered because the labor men have numerous votes of which both political parties are afraid.

Mr. Parry seems to overlook the fact that the ballot was designed largely for the purpose of allowing the people to express their will in a legitimate way. It is a privilege which no one would deny the laboring man. He says:

"Do Mr. Bryan and Mr. Beveridge address themselves to the labor question as I have stated it? No. They would not dare do it. The union labor man is a voter—a very hard voter to please, and still harder to keep pleased. But, horror of horrors, if he isn't pleased there is the fatal roll of the political enemies of labor edited from day to day by Mr. Gompers."

There is truth in this, but it is a truth of which labor need not be ashamed—not nearly so ashamed as the capitalistic employers of labor should be at their enormous contributions to campaign funds, in order that they may secure special favors in the laws.

Where capital is concerned, Mr. Parry is very tender. Capital is his fetish. He thinks that the country's prosperity is due entirely to the beneficent use of capital, which, employing labor on its own terms, has brought immense fortunes to its owners. "Destroy the present capital in this country, and four-fifths of the people would certainly die of starvation," he says. Destroy the present labor in this country and capital would be useless and idle, is a proposition equally sound.

The labor question is not one to which the contributions of interested pleaders like Mr. D. M. Parry can add anything. Organized labor has sometimes used its new-found power unwisely; capital has often done so, and with far less excuse. All the right is not on one side, nor all the wrong on the other. The labor question is only one of the governmental and industrial problems to the solving of which the true American spirit is admirably adapted. But Mr. Parry is contributing nothing to that solution.

EVER SEE DE NEDRY?

If You Have You'll Catch the Point of the Joke.

Will M. Maupin, of the Lincoln Wageworker, last week, published a bully picture of Frank Kennedy, of the Western Laborer, and refers to him as the "oldest labor editor, in point of service, west of the Mississippi, and the handsomest labor editor in the country, bar one, whose name we refrain from mentioning because of modesty that cannot be overcome." Don't

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worry about that Maupin, if you had just dropped a hint I'd given you permission to mention my name, but I'm obliged to you for your consideration just the same.

THE FRATERNAL DELEGATE.

Minister and Workingman Bringing Union and Church Together.

Recently Rev. Charles Stelzle, who has charge of the Bureau of Labor Department of Home Missions, for the Presbyterian church, requested one editor of the Wageworker to express an opinion concerning the results of an exchange of fraternal delegates between Central Labor Unions and Ministerial Associations. The following reply was sent by the editor:

"The exchange of fraternal delegates between the Ministers' Associations and Central Labor Unions is no longer an experiment. It is a demonstrated success—both from the standpoint of the craftsman and of the minister. The minister, by the very nature of his education and calling, withdrawn in a large measure from association with workingmen, finds a new inspiration for his service for the Master in learning at first hand the needs of the workingman. The workingman, prone to cynicism by reason of adverse fortune, learns that his union is but a physical demonstration of the teachings of the Nazarene.

As a result, these two great organizations, the Church with its moral uplift, and the Union with its social uplift, are growing closer together. In my own home city of Lincoln, the presence of a ministerial delegate at our central meetings is always warmly welcomed, and he is always called upon and listened to with interest and profit. By reason of this better acquaintanceship trades unionists have been invited to occupy pulpits to explain the objects and aim of unionism, with the result that our unions occupy a higher place in public estimation. The Church and the Trades

Union need but to know each other to join hands and go forth to a grand victory for humanity, and this is being brought about by the exchange of fraternal delegates. Viewed from the standpoint of selfish advantage, trades unionists should and do welcome the plan. It gives them a new and fertile field in which to sow the good seed of union sentiment—which is, after all, but the simple Christian doctrine of 'doing good'."

DEBS REINSTATED.

Eugene V. Debs has been reinstated in the B. of L. F. He was expelled from that order when he organized the A. R. U. in 1892.

NOTICE, TO CREDITORS OF THE HOME CO-OPERATIVE COMPANY

In the Circuit Court of the United States for the Eastern Division of the Eastern Judicial District of Missouri, Louis F. Algrem, et al., plaintiffs, v. Wm. B. Sullivan, et al., defendants, No. 5454.

Whereas, by order of the above mentioned court in the above cause on the 3rd day of July, 1907, the undersigned, William L. Watkins, was appointed by said court receiver of the Home Co-Operative company and the assets of said company were placed in the hands of said receiver in trust for the benefit of all those adjudged to be creditors of said company; and

Whereas, the said receiver has been authorized by said court to publish this notice to all creditors and contract holders of said company;

Now, therefore, all such creditors or contract holders will please take notice that all claims against said Home Co-Operative company must be filed in said court on or before the 2nd day of December, 1907, and that any claim not presented on or before said last mentioned date will be barred. W. L. WATKINS, Receiver Jefferson City, Mo. 25-5t

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