

WAGELABORER

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"Printers' Ink," the recognized authority on advertising, after a thorough investigation on this subject, says: "A labor paper is a far better advertising medium than an ordinary newspaper in comparison with circulation. A labor paper, for example, having 2,000 subscribers is of more value to the business man who advertises in it than an ordinary paper with 12,000 subscribers."

AN APPEAL FOR UPRIGHTNESS.

William E. Stewart, one of the republican candidates for the district bench, has been denounced by the supreme court of Nebraska as a man of "selfish cunning." The record of the case wherein William E. Stewart was thus designated, reveal a story of how a man who seeks knowledge of the law in order to profit at the expense of the ignorance of others while keeping himself within the limits of the law, may do so without danger of imprisonment. It is an exhibit of how a man may do a thing which is legally right and morally wrong.

The Wageworker has no comment to make on Willard E. Stewart's ability as a lawyer. It has no comments to make on his political affiliations. It cares nothing about the facts which resulted in his nomination for judge of the district court. It is concerned only in the record of a man who presumes to ask that he be put upon the district bench to dispense justice, to deal out equity and decide matters of legal dispute between men or between men and corporations. Upon that record as is presented by a decision of the supreme court The Wageworker declares its belief that Willard E. Stewart is not the man for wage earners to trust, that he is not a fit man to put in such a responsible position, and that his election would cast further discredit upon courts that have discredited themselves by the actions of the occupants of the bench.

Of all men, wage earners should be most interested in fair, honest, unprejudiced and upright occupants of the bench. They have no money with which to employ great lawyers nor to fight litigation through all the courts. They must rest their cases solely upon the justice of their cause. Because of this they should demand that the men selected to deal out justice shall be men upon whose records there is no strain of interlude or chicanery. The Wageworker does not believe that Willard E. Stewart, candidate for the district bench, measures up to these requirements. It bases its belief upon the records of the supreme court of Nebraska, and the facts brought out before that body in a cause wherein Willard E. Stewart was defendant.

John E. Jones, a gentleman who held a public office and met with misfortune, was forced to the wall. In the settlement of his business money to the amount of \$2,609.35 deposited to his credit in the First National Bank of Lincoln was overlooked. Mr. Jones thought he had paid out every dollar he had in settlement of his just debts. He was ignorant of the fact that the \$2,609.35 was to his credit as "treasurer" in the bank. Willard E. Stewart learned of it, but keeping Jones in ignorance thereof told Jones that he knew where a sum of money was due him and would give him the deed to a certain piece of property, lots 7 and 8, College Hill addition, if he (Jones) would sign a couple of papers. One of the conditions of the transaction was that Jones was to sign some papers without being told of the contents thereof. Harrassed by financial difficulties Jones finally consented and signed the papers.

ONE OF THEM WAS A CHECK ON THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK, FOR \$2,609.35.

Willard E. Stewart, taking advantage of Jones' ignorance and necessities, secured this comfortable sum of money and in return therefore gave Jones a warranty deed to a piece of property that was subject to a mortgage that afterwards proved just equal to the value thereof. As a result Stewart rid himself of the encumbered property, pocketed \$2,609.35, and Jones not only lost the property but was legally bilked out of the \$2,609.35.

After becoming cognizant of how

he had thus been legally bilked, Jones sued Stewart for the return of the money. The case was tried in the district court and Stewart won. Jones appealed to the supreme court and lost, but in deciding against him the supreme court denounced Stewart in language that should forever prove a bar to his ambitions to sit upon the bench. After reviewing the evidence the supreme court said:

Much as the court may feel disposed to condemn the selfish cunning manifested by defendant in this transaction, and to lament the artless confidence of plaintiff, yet the legal rights involved are governed by well established principles, of the law, by the law only must they be settled.

Is a man who "manifested the selfish cunning" pointed out by the supreme court the kind of a man the wage earners of Lancaster county want to sit in judgment in their legal matters? Is the man who would thus take advantage of another man's ignorance the man the wage earners of Lancaster county would choose to sit in judgment in matters affecting their legal rights?

The Wageworker presents only the record of the supreme court as it applies to the fitness of Willard E. Stewart for the district bench, and leaves the matter to the judgment of the wage earners.

WHY THE DIFFERENCE?

Last Monday the banks of the country coolly notified their depositors that no checks would be cashed. "We'll pay you what we owe you when we get good and ready," was the bank dictum.

When a wage earner refuses or neglects to pay what he owes, he is immediately put on the "dead beat" list and his wages are garnisheed.

Why the difference? Why is a bank, which has accepted your money and used it to its own advantage, allowed to dictate when it shall repay your checks?

Why is a workman garnisheed when he decides to suspend payment for a definite or indefinite time?

Which is of most importance to this country, the banks or the workmen?

These questions are not asked in a querulous mood. We really want to know.

We have the utmost confidence in the stability of the banks of Lincoln and Nebraska. The money you may have on deposit therein is safer than if deposited in an old stocking or hidden under the rining room carpet.

Don't worry! Everything is lovely. This "pinch" is only temporary.

But while you are waiting for the flurry to pass you might be pondering on the above questions.

Perhaps the banks have secured an undue advantage because they have organized in fact as well as in name, and act as a unit in all matters affecting their interests.

If this is a good thing for the banks, why wouldn't it be a good thing for the workmen to do the same thing?

Did you ever make note of the fact that financial institutions are never partisan? They support the men and policies that promise the most for them—and they make sure of it before they extend their support.

If this is a wise thing for financial institutions to do, why wouldn't it be equally wise for workmen to do the same thing?

"O, I always vote for the man, not for party!"

Rats! You've said that so often you actually believe it. Yet every time election day comes around you hurt your throat yelling for your party, and you don't know why you do it. You "vote 'er straight," and couldn't give an intelligent reason for so doing.

You don't catch the banks transacting their political business that way—not by a long shot.

If it isn't too painful you might profit by doing a little thinking for yourselves.

The supreme court said that Mr. Stewart manifested "selfish cunning" in his deal with a fellow man. Do you want that kind of a man on the district bench? If you do, Mr. Stewart is just the kind of a man the supreme court says you want.

As a private citizen Willard E. Stewart took advantage of the ignorance of a fellow man, manifesting what the supreme court of the state characterized as "selfish cunning." Should such a man be put upon the district bench?

The National Bureau of Labor is going into the strikebreaking business. Some of these days organized working men will perhaps learn enough to impel them to stand together politically as well as industrially.

The musicians of Lincoln have taken a hand in the union game. Here's hoping the boys toot up and get there.

Mr. Merchant, in these "panicky" times isn't it a good thing to have

several thousand union men working reasonable hours and drawing good wages? How would it be if they were non-union men working long hours for low wages?

The Electrical Workers of Lincoln are the first to "come through" as a body with a healthy subscription to the Labor Temple fund—\$100. And they have more to follow. Now let it be a footrace to see which local can subscribe the most per capita.

The United States treasury is emptied when it is necessary to protect the banks. Why not empty it in a time of stress when workmen are suffering? How? O, by building national roads, improving the waterways, erecting public buildings, etc.

The judge who enjoined the pressmen from paying strike benefits would throw up his hands in holy horror if the pressmen asked him to enjoin the Typothetate from paying the same kind of benefits.

Let's see, those men who have brought on this financial panic are the same men who have said so many things derogatory to union labor, are they not?

The Electrical Workers of Lincoln have set the pace for other unions in the Labor Temple matter. What union will be the first to set a new record?

The government is going into the strikebreaking business—but it will call it by some other name. The result, however, will be the same.

If the union label is not on the advertising dodger, the merchant is not entitled to the patronage of union men.

We opine that President Roosevelt found Governor Sheldon's chin about as square as his own.

Here is a good point to remember: Union wages should be spent with union sympathizers.

Are you boosting for the Labor Temple, or are you hanging back in the breechin'?

It takes more than a paid up union card to make a union man of the holder.

In the meantime look for the label.

UNCLE SAM, STRIKEBREAKER.

Bureau of Labor Announces a Policy Dangerous to Workingmen.

The daily newspapers last week contained the significant announcement that the national bureau of labor was about to engage in the strikebreaking business. Of course it was given another and higher sounding name than that, but that is what it will amount to.

The bureau of labor announced that it was prepared to furnish laborers for the purpose of "distributing the laborers who have congested in the east." Employers short of labor, anywhere in the country, are invited to correspond with the bureau, whereupon the bureau will set about finding the labor and putting the employer in communication therewith. It is claimed that this is done to keep the alien laborers from further congesting in eastern cities, and to distribute them more evenly over the country.

All this sounds very good, but it will deceive no man who has brains enough to read and write. It is an open declaration that employers may depend upon Uncle Sam to help them break any strike to enforce a demand for decent wages and fair treatment.

The Illinois Steel Company at South Chicago employs some eight to ten thousand workmen. These men are worked like slaves and are paid starvation wages. Most of them are foreigners ignorant of our language and affairs. The moment they become sufficiently Americanized to demand decent treatment, out they must go, and Uncle Sam will ship a few thousand more ignorant ones to take their places. This game will be worked world without end, amen. The big corporations, aided and abetted by the bureau of labor, can import these ignorant and too often degraded foreigners faster than we can unionize them or the country can assimilate them.

Uncle Sam, Strikebreaker!

Sooner or later the intelligent workmen of this country will see the necessity of getting together as closely in politics as they do industrially. When they do the government will not engage in the strikebreaking business.

SWITCHMEN'S UNION.

A Local Being Organized Among the Switchmen of This City.

The switchmen of Lincoln have at last determined to organize a union of their own, and to that end several meetings have already been held. The

matter has been kept very quiet to date, owing to opposition from several quarters, but matters have progressed so far that public meetings are now being held. The organization has, in fact, been perfected, and a gratifying percentage of the switchmen have signed for membership.

The Switchmen's Union of North America is affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, and as an organization it has been growing rapidly during the last two or three years. There are in the neighborhood of one hundred switchmen employed in Lincoln. Many of them are members of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, but it is reported that a majority of these are also in favor of separate organization.

TO THE VOTERS OF LANCASTER COUNTY.

On account of the declination of Mr. I. H. Hatfield, the only Democratic candidate before the primary for District Judge, it devolved upon the County Central Committee to fill the vacancy. By a unanimity of agreement, the nomination was offered to me. Gratified by the confidence reposed in me by my party, and encouraged by the assurance of many of my Republican friends that they would not be averse to a non-partisan bench, and would help to make it possible by their votes, I consented that my name might be placed upon the ticket.

I have been a resident of Lincoln for nearly a third of a century, and, during this time, my conduct, character, ability and legal attainments have been such as to commend me to your favorable consideration.

I shall be very grateful for your support in helping to elect a non-partisan judiciary for this District. Yours respectfully, A. J. SAWYER.

THAT LA CROSSE DEAL.

Rev. Charles Stezle Tells How the Matter Was Finally Adjusted.

The local labor paper in La Crosse, Wis., recently contained the following paragraph:

"At the last meeting of the Trades and Labor Council the Pastors' Union was reinstated by a unanimous vote. Labor papers will please note that they would not have been taken back had they been 'ousted' as alleged. We hope that delegates from both parties will now attend meetings regularly."

It appears that the fraternal delegate from the Ministers' Association thought that it was not necessary to attend the meetings of the central body while the Ministers' Association suspended its meetings for the summer months, although he had, up to that time, attended as often as possible. It should be said, however, that the fraternal delegate from the Central Labor body had also been remiss.

The delegates to the central body thought that the ministers had lost interest, and they sent the preachers a polite note reminding them of their apparent neglect, stating that they preferred to discontinue the relationship which had been in existence for two years. But, as indicated in the above item, the plan of the exchange of fraternal delegates between the Ministers' Association and the Trades and Labor Council has again been put into effect by unanimous vote.

To indicate the progressiveness of the Central body in La Crosse, the following item which appeared in the same issue, will be of interest: "The latest plan of the Trades and Labor Council is to have one member of all locals join the Board of Trade. A good plan, indeed. Let us get acquainted and settle disputes in a friendly way."

NO PANIC.

Don't get scared! There is no panic. The Wageworker will receive cashier's checks, clearing house certificates or personal checks drawn on Lincoln banks in payment of subscriptions and advertising accounts. The few paltry dollars The Wageworker had in the bank last week are still there, and are just as safe as they ever were. Just keep your overalls on and don't get excited. It is a flurry that will soon subside.

POLITICAL ADVERTISING

MR. BAER'S TAXES

Charlie Branson, Democratic Candidate for District Clerk, Again Flashes the Records on the Republican Nominee.

The voter who has not held a lucrative office and has yet paid his taxes for the support of the government will perhaps be interested in the following showing from the public records of Lincoln and Lancaster county as it affects J. S. Baer, the republican candidate for clerk of the district court. Mr. Baer has held office for fourteen years and has received from the treasury of this county the munificent sum of more than \$23,300 as follows:

1892, Salary as County Superintendent.....	\$ 1,800.00
1893, Salary as County Superintendent.....	1,800.00
1894, Salary as County Superintendent.....	1,800.00
1895, Salary as County Superintendent.....	1,800.00
1896, Salary as County Superintendent.....	1,800.00
1897, Salary as County Superintendent.....	1,800.00
1900, Salary as Deputy District Clerk.....	1,800.00
1901, Salary as Deputy District Clerk.....	1,800.00
1902, Salary as Deputy District Clerk.....	1,800.00
1903, Salary as Deputy District Clerk.....	1,800.00
1904, Salary as Deputy District Clerk.....	1,500.00
1905, Salary as Deputy District Clerk.....	1,500.00
1906, Salary as Deputy District Clerk.....	1,500.00
1907, Salary as Deputy District Clerk, 2½ mo.	817.00

Total salary for 14 years.....\$23,317.00

During all this time, which included the years of the drouth and the panic, during which time the taxpayers were taking care of Mr. Baer at the rate of \$1,800 per year, he was making the following contributions as a taxpayer:

1892 Personal taxes paid.....	.00
1893 Personal taxes paid.....	.00
1894 Personal taxes paid.....	.00
1895 Personal taxes paid.....	.00
1896 Personal taxes paid.....	.00
1897 Personal taxes paid.....	.00
1898 Personal taxes paid.....	.00
1899 Personal taxes paid.....	.00
1900 Personal taxes paid.....	.00
1901 Personal taxes paid.....	.00
1902 Personal taxes paid.....	.00
1903 Personal taxes paid.....	.00
1904 Personal taxes paid, City Taxes.....	1.60
1905 Personal taxes paid, County Taxes.....	6.04
1906 Personal taxes paid.....	.00
1907 Personal taxes paid.....	.00

Grand total.....\$23,317—\$ 7.00

What do the laboring men, farmers, business men, honest taxpayers who walked up to the captain's desk and paid their taxes during the trying times of the early 90's, and since, think of the brand of patriotism of the man with such a record? Is he a square dealer? Is a man who has drawn more than \$23,000 from the public treasury and shirked the payment of taxes to such an extent entitled to your further support?

Mr. Voter, under the conditions and the light of these facts, can you afford to vote for Mr. Baer this time?

Mr. Baer is a single man. He has never taken upon himself the responsibilities of a family and a home. His contribution to society has been exceedingly small.

He is not a Roosevelt republican.

Don't Forget the Figures.

Collected from Lancaster County in salary, over.....\$22,000.00
Paid in personal taxes in state, county and city in 20 years 7.64

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