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The Church and Its **Many Shortcomings**

day, February 3, Rev. H. O. Pritchard, sity, read a paper entitled, "The So-

usual self-complacent ministerial paerally. It needs but a persual of that part of the address published in this strate to the reader that Rev. Mr. Pritchard is something of a minis- is on the one hand. terial iconoclast viewed from the man who believes that the gospel of Many churches are made up for the for today as it is for an indefinite

Workingmen of the city who hap-Mr. Pritchard's paper as published in the dally press were immensely dends. Others who wring the life out the near future. The Central Labor pense of justice and love. Union last Tuesday evening followed the example set by the carpenters.

tomorrow.

By the way, before presenting a terial union's delegates to the Central Labor Union.

That portion of Rev. Mr. Pritchard's address of particular interest to union men is as follows:

"What should be the attitude of the church with regard to the social questions of our day?

"The temperance problem, the divorce problem, the problem of the children, the problem of the poor and the still greater problem of capital and labor. While reformers are scattering their seed of truth, while the workers in the slums are trying to ameliorate the sufferings of the poor. while the courts are dealing with divorce while the socialists in their blind way are trying to work out an economic system that will be just,

At the regular meeting of the Lin- [the interests of the people simply be coln Ministerial association on Mon- cause the perpetrators are the possessors of wealth whose real God is the pastor of the Christian church at almighty dollar and who contribute a Removal of Stillings Causes a Bethany, the seat of Cotner univer- few of their idols to suborn the eloquence and intellect of the divines. cial Problems of the Modern Pulpit." and make even their otherwise gener-It is not surprising that the paper ous hearts callous to the sufferings of caused an interesting discussion. It the poor and struggling workers, so was such a radical departure from the that they will use their exalted positions to discourage and discounteper that it rattled some theological nance all practical efforts of the dry bones and stirred up things gen- tcilers to lift themselves out of the slough of despondency and despair." "In the program of the radical soissue of The Wageworker to demon- cialists the church must go for it is the organization of the rich. All this

"On the other hand is the attitude" modern pulpit standpoint. He talks of the church itself. We regret to adstraight from the shoulder. like a mit it, but we must. The church is man as well as a minister, and like a out of sympathy with the masses. Jesus Christ is quite as much a thing most part of the rich and the well-todo. Some of them who pay pew rent do it with money that has the stain of blood upon it. There are faithful pened to read the summary of Rev. attendants at the church services who esteem human life cheaper than divi-

pleased with it. At the meeting of of little children in factories. Others the Carpenters' Union the following who ruthlessly crush their fellows in night a vote of thanks was tendered competition. Others who claim to him, together with an invitation to serve the master of love, who build address the union at some time in up their business success at the ex-

"On the one side is an unsympathetic world, on the other an unsympathetic church. Between the devil portion of Rev. Mr. Pritchard's ad. and the deep sea stands the man in dress, The Wageworker would like to the pulpit today. What is he to do? know what has become of the minis. With all these stern realities of our changing social order pressing in upon him, with the sanctity of the home polluted by legalized adultery in the midst of a generation mad for gambling, with saloons and brothels at the very door of the temple; facing a world in the darkness of heathenism, with a submerged tenth rotting in our cities, with an industrialism that is more murderous than war; with all this shall the preacher still be content with manicuring conventional theology?

> "What has the story of Jonah and the whale or the dimensions of Noah's ark to do with all this struggling and suffering host?

"There is but one thing for him to co. He must be a prophet for his age. He must declare unto men 'all the words of this life' Reing a mat of God he must speak the word God. "To a dying world he must give the bread of life. He must lay emphasis upon the sinfulness of sin, and like every true prophet he must rebuke sin wherever found. "Let him use tact in so doing, but at the same time remember that the world will never be moved by tact. Some preachers are so tactful that their prophecies are never anything but smooth things to itching ears. "It is not his business to try trimming and straddling. He must hew a; straight as the moral law. The pulpit is no place for the temporizer or the time server. God's judgment him. is set upon the false prophet in what ever age he may appear.

wages 50 cents per 1,000 cigars made field and three to nominate. That's and 250 men quit. The order to make going some. the same reduction in Detroit, where Says the Omada Western Laborer the concern is known as the Main "The Benevolent Order of Zoos will

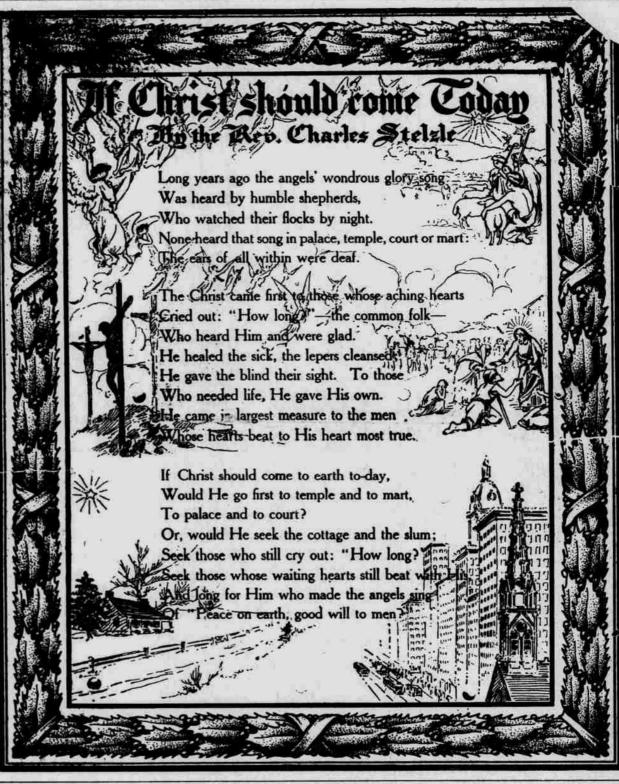
Issue Cigar company and is located shortly issue a circular wherein the a: 75 Bates street, resulted in 75 men admission to this great order of Theo quitting rather than accept the cut. dore Roosevelt will be announced. He

TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION.

Smile All Around.

The removal by President Roose velt of Public Printer Stillings caused

The death of A. F. ("Pard") Bloomof Lincoln printers. Stillings is a notorious "open shop" advocate and er at Washington is a distinct loss and then everything will be ready for a big wig in the "Tea-pot" movement, to the organization. He was a force- the great hustle for funds. His inability to measure up to the ful writer and a consistent agitator requirements of the big office is no in behalf of closer organization. Peace surprise to the printers, and to them to his ashes.



Among the Live **Ones in Lincoln**

coln Labor Temple Association met stereotypers got together again and viper,' and is entitled to rank among the most 'pisenous critters' in the in regular session last Monday evenjungle. The educated pup has us ing. The unfinished perspective of the proposed building was brought to the meeting and aroused a lot of favorable comment. The drawings will be completed in time for presentation at the meeting next Monday night,

> Not later than March 1 the campaign for subscriptions will begin, and from that time on until success is

The board of directors of the Lin- week. Through his efforts the local resurrected their local union. Conditions in the jurisdiction are now such that the local members can have no reasonable excuse for not keeping in line with their fellows.

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A. E. Small was elected president and Sam Aiken secretary-treasurer. Every stereotyper in the city was formerly a member of the local, and everyone signed up for a revival thereof.

Mr. Sumner is a leader in the labor movement in Kansas City. He graduated from law school and was admitted to the bar, but preferred working at his trade and making a personal study of social and economic conditions. His visit to The Wageworker was thoroughly enjoyed by the editor. The labor movement would profit much if it had more leaders like the gentlemanly and educated young man who visited Lincoln in the interests of the stereotypers' union.

THE MUSICIANS.

Everything Ready for Their First Annual Ball Thursday Night.

The Musicians have everything ready for the first annual ball at Fraternity hall next Thursday evening. The committees in charge have worked hard, and are satisfied with what they have done. The ball will doubtless be a success from every vlewpoint.

Joe Frolick served refreshments at the meeting last Sunday, celebrating his recent marriage. The local paid its respects to the refreshments and voted congratulations to the bride and groom

All the amusement resorts in Lincoln are on the fair list. What threatened to be trouble at one of the smaller resorts has been amicably adjusted, and all is now peace and serenity.

Sunday, February 23, is the date of the next meeting.

THE BARBERS.

Conditions Good and Work Growing Better Every Day.

The Barbers' Union meeting last veek was a quiet affair. Nothing but routine business was transacted until "good and welfare" was reached, and

Big skinned a mile when it comes to 'viping.' There promises to be a large increase in the tribe of Zooz this year." a huge smile to chase over the faces

is a brave 'scavenger, buzzard and

shall Christians still be content to sing songs and go home to dinner?

"Or what is more important? Shall the man in the pulpit lift his voice against the sins of an age, against social injustice and against wickedness in high places, or shall he be a mere figurehead mouthing out glittering generalities concerning literature and art?

"Of all moral questions today nonare so pressing as morality. What right have ministers to back away from these questions and refuse to contribute whatever discernment God has given them?

"I am aware that the position of the Christian ministry today is an exceedingly delicate one. On the one side there is a wide cleavrage between the church and the masses which has its ground in class consciousnes. We hear much about the unchurched masses, and there is no use trying to deny the charge that in our great centers of population our churches only touch the fringes of the great fabric of cosmopolitan life.

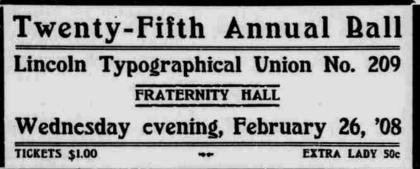
"The wage-earning class as a whole regard the church as an institution allied with capitalism and the local church as a social club. Mr. Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, said: 'My associates have come to look upon the church and the ministry as the apologists and de-

"The Pharoahs of this world have to afflict them with burdens. The story of the bricks is again being doubled and straw is being taken oway.

"There is about to be another great labor movement as there was in the days of Moses, for God has called out 'Let my people go that they may serve cept the union's invitation are going me."

DETROIT CIGARMAKERS STRIKE.

The cigarmakers are involved in a conflict with the Detroit branch of the La Azora company, of Kalamafenders of wrong committed against zco. The Kalamazoo concern reduced



is due in large measure the credit for showing up his incompetency in such a convincing manner that Presi- Anti-Trust Law Amendment Might dent Roosevelt summarily removed

The anniversary ball on February 26 will be a record breaker. The committee has its plans all made and is now engaged in seeing that they are carried out to the letter. The committee will meet Tuesday even ing at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Righter to make final arrangements and listen to reports. The Nebraska Press Association members who ac to be given one of the best times they ever had.

Even Indianapolis, the home of the executive council, seems to have suc cumbed to the wiles of the enemies of union labor who have camped on the trail of the big man. The sneak ing guerillas of the manufacturers' as sociation seem to have gotten in their deadly work for No. 1 has actually nominated Hudspeth and Crowley. So has New York. So has Dallas. So has Joplin. So has Terre Haute. So has Lincoln. The unions that are still getting big results from the "special

benefit" list went just as was ex pected.

If Miss Wilson shows up in the elec Word comes from Sharon, Pa., to tion like she did in the nominations the effect that the independent steel she will land an easy winner in the plants are preparing to follow the lead race for trustee of the home. "Bix of the Republic Iron and Steel com-Six" gave her 384 votes out of a total pany and reduce wages. The cut will of 686 cast, nine candidates in the range from 10 to 18 per cent.

FOR PROTECTION OF LABOR.

Make Statute Unconstitutional. The American Federation of Labor's plan for overcoming the effect of the

boycott decision of the federal supreme court was introduced in the the result.

house on February 7 by Representative Nicholls of Scranton by request of President Gompers, Secretary Mor rison and other Federation officers. It is embodied in the following bill which, if passed, will be attached to and become a part of the anti-trust law: "That nothing in this act shall

be construed to apply to trade unions or other labor organizations, organ-

ized for the purpose of raising or regulating wages, shortening hours of work, or making more tolerable other conditions under which labor is to be performed."

Those who have considered the opinion believe if congress should pass the Nicholls bill the effect would be to make the whole law unconstitutional on the ground that it does not afford the equal protection of the laws to all persons.

MORE FULL DINNER PAILS-NIT.

won every director, and every union man who is desirous of seeing a labo

temple erected in Lincoln will boost to heat the hand. When the nicture of the proposed building is shown to any new members to the society. the public, and the plans outlined by Only fully competent persons are althe incorporators are thoroughly ex- lowed to practice. plained, there can be no doubt about

Everything is working along at a gratifying rate, and if the union men of the city will do their part the cornerstone will be laid on Labor Day, 1908-a consummation devoutly to be wished.

STEREOTYPERS REASSEMBLE.

Organizer Sumner Rehabilitates the Local and Gives New Start.

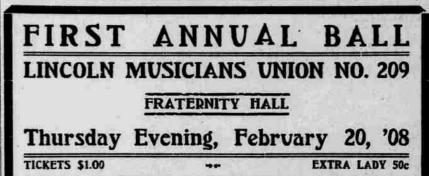
Charles A. Sumner, general organ Union, with headquarters in Kansas

CRUSHED HER FINGERS.

Miss Arlia Gibson, a pressfeeder in a local printery, forgot to remove her hand after feeding a sheet Tuesday afternoon, and as a result, three fingers on her right hand were frightfully crushed. The injured digits were attended to by a surgeon and the injury will not be permanent.

IN KENTUCKY.

Girls and women work from slxty izer of the Stereotypers' International to seventy-five hours for \$3 to \$6 per week in laundries at Louisville. And City, was in Lincoln the first of the this in chivalrous Kentucky.



then some short but interesting and instructive talks were made. Work has been slack for a month

or so, but is improving as spring approaches.

President McBride and Secretary Schwinker are supposed to be putting in their spare time preparing a list of the fair shops for publication in The Wageworker.

Women barbers are admitted to the Austrian union, but they are required to apprentice themselves for three years before they can go into business on their own account.

The Barbers and Wig Makers' Union in Vienna is very stringent in its examination before it will admit