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**INTOLERANCE INTENSIFIED.**  
We hardly find it possible to muster up sympathy for our good friend, Judge Hainer, who was so discourteously treated by the people who had advertised a meeting for the discussion of the liquor problem. Judge Hainer has been in public life for many years; he served a couple of terms in congress, and he has practiced at the bar. Surely he has been in public life long enough to have made the discovery that most people very soon make when they undertake to discuss the saloon question with the political and sentimental prohibitionist. In the firm opinion of this cult—and they are as unchanging and unchangeable as the laws of the Medes and Persians—those who do not believe just exactly as they believe are "saloon supporters," "in league with hell," "rum advocates," "devourers of our boys," "sots," and a few other things too numerous to mention. Your political and sentimental prohibitionist never gives those who differ from him credit for being either intelligent or conscientious. He is going to correct human nature by legislative enactment and supplement the teachings of the Nazarene with a writ of subpoena and a constable's club. Judge Hainer certainly must be aware of these very patent facts, therefore we can sympathize but little with him in the present trouble which his too-confiding nature brought upon him. He might have known that a meeting for the discussion of that particular question and made up of that class of people, merely meant a meeting that would listen only to one course of discussion.

Your political and sentimental prohibitionist is always intolerant. Did he dare, he would use the rack and the thumbscrew on all who oppose his pet theories, and the horrors of the Spanish inquisition would be a children's tea party compared with what he would do to those who differ from him were he not restrained by physical fear and moral fear of the law.

The Wageworker wants it understood here and now that it holds no brief for the defense of the saloon. The American saloon has absolutely no defense. It is an unmitigated evil, and sooner or later the saloon as a public institution must go. But the Wageworker does contend that commonsense should rule in the handling of this tremendous problem, and not sickly sentimentality or moral dyspepsia miscalled religious zeal.

There are a whole lot of people who claim to be advocates of temperance, and who are honestly and earnestly striving to promote it, but who do not believe that prohibition is the proper solution at this time. They know from experience and observation that the saloon is an effect, not a cause, and that it exists in response to a demand that cannot be obliterated by legislative enactment.

It is all easy enough to talk about voting the open saloon out, but voting out the open saloon and suppressing the bootleggers, the holes-in-the-wall, the whisky drug stores and the so-called clubs is quite another matter. It is quite easy—and often very profitable—to stand forth upon a public rostrum and hurl invectives at the traffic and at those who cannot coincide with the prohibitionist's views, but it is quite difficult to persuade that speaker that having voted the saloon out it is his personal business to watch for violations, to enter complaint, to personally prosecute and otherwise engage in a very disagreeable duty. The man who votes for prohibition may think that he has done his whole duty, and he may

wash his hands, just like Pilate washed his.

The Wageworker believes in progressive restriction, keeping in view justice towards all parties. It believes—and is prepared to prove—that there is not a city of Lincoln's size in any prohibition state that can show the same high moral standard, the same freedom from crime, the same freedom from drunkenness as shown by the police records, the same low cost of police protection, the same low expense of charity work or the same high standard of citizenship as shown by city government, church activity, school standing or social cleanliness. The Wageworker believes that Lincoln is progressing along the proper lines whereby to reach a commonsense and practical solution of the problem. It believes that if prohibition carries the work of true temperance will be retarded and the cause set back a decade. Intolerance is neither Christian nor temperate. Intemperance in language is as bad in a way as intemperance in drink. And for intolerance of the honest opinion of others and intolerance in language, the Wageworker will choose every time the political, professional and sentimental advocate of prohibition by legal enactment.

Let those who would really like to have an honest discussion of this perplexing problem remain away from the advertised meetings of this class of reformers, for those who honestly differ from them will have no chance to talk and will only receive discourteous treatment and be dubbed some hard names that sound not well upon the lips of those who profess to be followers of the Nazarene.

The Wageworker here and now commits itself to an effort to remove the saloon evil, not only from Lincoln but from the republic, but it reserves the right to work to that end along lines that experience and observation have convinced the editor to be the best. And the editor is quite willing to be roundly abused by those who are intolerant in spirit and intemperate in language.

Merely to forestall criticism of its position on the prohibition question the Wageworker here and now states that the daily advocates of prohibition, the Lincoln Journal and the Lincoln Evening News, have each received more money in one week for advertising beer and whisky than the Wageworker has in all the three years and nine months of its humble existence.

Mr. Union Man, you have no legal recourse if an employer boycotts you because you are a union man. But if you boycott an employer you go to jail. Hush, now; you must not show disrespect for the courts. That would be anarchy.

Rev. Mr. Pritchard of Bethany seems to be imbued with the idea that it is a minister's duty to acquaint himself with modern conditions as well as with future life. This may not be exactly religious, but it surely is Christianlike.

All the proposed labor bills have been referred to the house judiciary committee, and by that committee to a sub-committee whose chairman is Representative Littlefield of Maine. Query: What will become of the labor bills?

J. Pierpont Morgan says the workingman will either have to starve or submit. By the way, didn't the French bourgeois say something like that a short time before the bloody revolution?

The workingman that violates an injunction goes to jail. The beef packer who violates an injunction is merely warned not to do it again. What a fool a man is to work for a living.

Perhaps the local morning paper sees a lot of water in the Citizens' Railway stock because of the tears in its eyes over the decreased earning capacity of the Traction Co.

The Lincoln business man who invests in Labor Temple stock will get dividends in more ways than one. So will the workingman who invests in the stock.

By the way, will somebody please point out a law granting a special privilege to a corporation that was ever declared unconstitutional?

Quite a number of Lincoln men are willing to vote for prohibition as long as they can retain a key to the club house door.

And just to think that Mr. Stillings was the secretary of the high and holy Typothaete! This is too much!

"What are the people crying for?" asked the pretty French queen. "They are crying for bread, your majesty,"

replied a courtier. "Why don't they eat cake if they have no bread?" asked the queen. J. Pierpont Morgan and his fellow millionaires are respectfully cited to what happened in France very shortly afterwards.

Just now congress is striving to revise the penal code so as to make it possible to reward a capitalist for doing the same thing that a workingman must be sent to jail for.

The Butterick company is hawking its bonds all over the country, vainly trying to interest investors at any old price. There is a reason.

Voting your party ticket straight and cussing the courts will not help your cause any, Mr. Union Man.

Rev. Mr. Pritchard of Bethany is in danger of being denounced for heresy.

In the meanwhile buy "scab" goods and cuss the strikebreakers.  
Vote as you pay dues!  
CENTRAL LABOR UNION.  
Elects Officers and Listens to Labor Commissioner John J. Ryder.  
The Central Labor Union met in regular session last Tuesday evening, and despite the stormy weather the attendance was larger than usual. The chief business of the evening was the election of officers for the ensuing term, the election resulting as follows:  
President, O. M. Rudy, Electrical Workers.  
Vice President, George Quick, Carpenters' Union.  
Secretary, F. A. Kates, Carpenters' Union.  
Treasurer, T. W. Evans, Cigarmakers' Union.  
Sergeant-at-Arms, Alex. Weckesser, Pressmen's Union.  
Executive committee, A. B. Woelhoff, Painters' Union; E. A. Patterson, Barbers' Union; J. F. Kendrick, Musicians' Union.  
John J. Ryder, deputy labor commissioner of the bureau of labor, appeared before the body and asked for the co-operation of the union men of the city in his efforts to secure statistics relative to union conditions and wages in Nebraska. Mr. Ryder, who is a member of the Typographical Union, is making an earnest effort to make the bureau over which he presides of some actual service to the wage earners of the state. He was assured of the co-operation of the central body.

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