

WAGEWORKER

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THE QUESTION.

Next Tuesday the voters of Lincoln will be called upon to decide whether the sale of liquor shall be permitted under the strictest regulation, or whether the sale thereof shall be driven into the alleys, into bootlegs, into blind pigs, into "prohibition drug stores" or so-called clubs.

It is not a question of "saloons or prohibition," despite the efforts of the prohibition orators to make it appear as such. If that were really the question the result would never be in doubt. But it is a question of progressive regulation vs. illicit dealing that can not be regulated. The Wageworker has been accused by some of "selling out to the saloons," despite the fact that it has given more space to prohibition agitators than it has to the arguments against prohibition. The accusation comes from people who deem it a virtue to bear false witness if they think they may thereby gain a point. The Wageworker is not opposed to prohibition. It is opposed to the farce that masquerades under the name of prohibition, and which is fostered by visionaries who imagine that legal enactment is the sovereign remedy for all social evils.

They think that if they merely vote for prohibition their responsibility ceases. They belong to that class of Christians who believe that they have relieved themselves from the responsibility of giving their children religious instruction if they send them to Sunday school an hour a week. The editor of The Wageworker has lived in Lincoln off and on for nearly twenty years. He knows, and every intelligent citizen knows that social conditions today are a thousand per cent better than they were twenty years ago. There has not been a year in the last decade that Lincoln has not made progress along social and civic lines. It is a cleaner and better city, socially and morally, than it was a year ago, and a year ago it was a better city than it was two years ago. This progress has been steady and gratifying. It has been made along sane lines. It will continue to improve if the mistake is not made of substituting hysteria and theory for education and experience.

Today Lincoln, a city of 60,000 people, is a better city, morally and socially, than any other city of its size in America. Lincoln is the cleanest city, measured by moral standards, of its size in America.

No other city of equal size, no matter where, has a smaller percentage of drunkenness, crime or disorder, and Lincoln's percentage is being bettered every year.

There is not another city of equal size in America where the liquor traffic is better regulated, or where the effects of this traffic are less noticeable. And this condition is growing better every year.

There is not another city of equal size in America that has so little poverty, so little hunger, so little squalor.

There is not another city of equal size in America where society is cleaner, where men are manlier, women are more womanly, where Sunday is better observed, where churches are better supported, where life and property is safer and where the social atmosphere is purer.

Lincoln is making splendid progress along all these beneficial lines every year. And The Wageworker believes that common sense dictates that we continue the policies that have brought about these splendid results, rather than resort to the experiments proposed by those who are actuated by sentiment and enticed by theory, and which have failed to make good in other communities.

Because The Wageworker believes that the ultimate results will be bet-

ter—socially, morally and otherwise—if present policies are continued, it is opposed to experimenting and is therefore opposed to the farce of prohibition. It cares not a jot nor tittle for the arguments about taxes. It cares nothing about the "personal liberty" arguments. It has not thought it necessary to delve into industrial statistics. It has merely studied the facts as they relate to ultimate benefit of the community. If this is "selling out" to the liquor interests, all right. The Wageworker has not received, nor will it receive, one penny, not any number of pennies—or dollars—for any editorial or local story in connection with this prohibition fight. Its columns have been just as free to the prohibitionists as to the representatives of the other side of that vexed question—and one of the leading prohibitionists has taken advantage of it to the extent of some seven or eight columns.

You will have an opportunity to decide the matter with your vote next Tuesday. The only advice The Wageworker will venture to give you is that you make your vote represent your honest convictions after honest investigation, not the result of baseless theory, sentimentality, hysteria or fanaticism.

CHARACTERISTIC UNTRUTH.

One of the curious things about this campaign is the appeal made for votes against the saloon on behalf of the laboring men, while at the same time the saloon arguments are being circulated all over town in the official organ of these same workers.—State Journal.

Is it impossible for the advocates of prohibition to be truthful in their references to those who differ from them? It would seem so. Organized labor has no "official organ" in Lincoln. The only "official organs" that Lincoln unions have are the journals published by their internationals.

The Wageworker is very proud to say that it is not the "official organ" of any organization nor of anybody but the humble gentleman who edits it and who jumps sideways to pay the bills for its maintenance. It is merely a supporter of industrial organization, and aims to be a labor newspaper that will be of interest to union men and women.

But organized labor has no "official organ" in Lincoln. The Wageworker under its present ownership would not submit to being so classed.

Frank A. Harrison says of The Wageworker: "It is generally understood that you are being generously paid by the liquor interests." Frank Harrison may just as well know now as at any other time, that any man or woman who charges, or even intimates that The Wageworker has received a dollar from the liquor interests for any line of editorial or news matter in this little paper, is a cheap and nasty liar.

If Frank A. Harrison couldn't get his name in the daily papers every now and then he would swell up with his ego until he burst and scattered fatty tissue all over the surrounding territory.

After seven years in the presidential chair without sweating his collar in the interests of organized labor, President Roosevelt is winding up his presidential career in a whirlwind of affection for the men who toil.

It took a remodeling of the supreme court to legalize the legal tender law. Perhaps it will be necessary to change the personnel of the court in order to secure justice for the toilers.

The Wageworker differs from those who believe that prohibition will mean thirty-five or forty empty store buildings. It will merely mean thirty-five or forty more "drug stores."

A lot of people who are anxious to "save the boys" insist on girls working for three or four dollars a week and keeping pure after paying board and room rent.

The daily newspapers want idle workmen to believe that they are prosperous just as long as they believe they believe they are prosperous.

Don't you imagine for a minute that if the Aldrich financial bill becomes a law that the supreme court will declare it to be unconstitutional.

American churches pay a whole lot of attention to heathen in foreign lands, and cater to American dollar worshippers while doing it.

Secretary Taft is being guarded by secret police. What's the matter? Afraid one of those injunctions will fly back and hit him?

Just shove a little and help the Labor Temple project over the first hill.

Vote an intelligent, not a hysterical ballot.

For president, William Howard Taft;

for vice president, Charles W. Post. Platform: If injunctions won't stop 'em, fill 'em up with gripe guts until they starve to death.

The best and cheapest boycott of unfair goods is a persistent and consistent demand for the union label.

Parents who are too careless to interest themselves in their boys are always asking for curfew laws.

Those "Merry Widow" hats lack a whole lot of making papa feel merry—and that's no joke.

The Hepburn bill can be vastly improved by striking out all after the enacting clause.

"Thou shalt not bear false witness." Respectfully dedicated to the hysterical.

UNION MADE STUFF.

Ground Out On a Machine Operated By a Card Man.

The Secret.

'Twas th' funniest thing, and the way we laughed As we sat there all alone, Would have made one think we both were daft.

If the truth were not made known, But the baby laughed 'cause she saw it first, And she shook her sides with glee; And then the fun of it quickly burst On her old Dad—that's me.

The way it happened was just this way:

Baby and I were there, She in the crib on the pillows lay, I in my easy chair. The warm sun shone in the cosy room And lighted the baby's face Till it looked as pure as the lily's bloom, Fair as the lily's grace.

The baby looked at her dad a while, Her blue eyes full of fun, And over her face a little smile Rippled and broke and ran. Dad smiled right back—she smiled some more—

Then both shook with glee; And mamma peeped in at the open door To see what the fun might be.

But the baby holds the secret well— Never a word says she. The joke was bulky, and she went tell; And neither will Dad—that's me. But, O 'twas a wonderful joke we had,

Just shared between we two, Baby Blue Eyes and her Doting Dad— And don't you wish you knew? —W. M. M. in The Commoner.

Significant.

"Why do you call your husband 'Esop'?" "Because he can tell such pretty fables when he gets in late at night."

Better.

"Jimpecute is always telling how he would gladly die for his country." "Well, Jimpecute would stand better if he tried a little harder to live for his country."

Preparation.

"My dear brother, can I talk a moment about your immortal soul?" "You bet you can," replied the man out of work, "if you'll first put something into my mortal stomach."

Philanthropy.

The agent of the Society for the Promotion of Dressing for Dinner Among the Fiji Islanders called on Colonel McDoodle, head of the great Supply Trust.

"Will you help us in our cause?" "Indeed I will," exclaimed Colonel McDoodle. "Just wait until I find how much I can give you."

Touching a bell Colonel McDoodle called his superintendent and said: "Find out how much a ten per cent reduction in wages will amount to, and then reduce 'em. Then give half of what we save to the agent of this society. We must do something for our benighted brethren across the seas."

Cards.

The man who bears false witness against his neighbor is an almighty poor judge of his neighbor's conscience.

Love will make a home of a hovel and the lack of it will make hell of a palace.

A lot of people who have been hell-scarred into the church think they are good Christians. Sin acknowledges no sex. A majority of the world's evils exist in the imagination of individuals. Unionism is label, no label.

CAPITAL AUXILIARY.

Capital Auxiliary No. 11, to Typographical Union No. 209, will meet with Mrs. J. E. Marshall, 1523 No. Twenty-sixth St., on Friday, April 10.

THE BRICKLAYERS.

Quarterly Meeting Brings Out a Large Attendance.

Last night was quarterly meeting night for the Bricklayers' Union, and the result was a large attendance. A whole lot of business necessary as a preparation for the opening season was speedily transacted.

Work is opening up in fine shape, and prospects are flattering. Several large remodeling jobs are already under way and provide work for a number of men.

Swan A. Swanson, father of Gus Swanson, is seriously ill at his home. Mr. Swanson has been in poor health for some time. After the death of his wife two weeks ago he prepared to go to Iowa with a son, but was taken sick and has since been confined to his bed.

At Friday night's meeting a delegation from the Labor Temple directorate appeared and explained in detail the plans for building a Labor Temple. The explanation cleared up several misunderstandings, and the Bricklayers may be depended upon to do their share towards making the Temple a reality.

THE PLUMBERS.

Welcome Organizer John Love of Chicago at Special Meeting.

John Love of Chicago, general organizer of the Plumbers, was in Lincoln several days this week. Tuesday evening the local union held a special meeting and planned with Mr. Love to make a thorough canvass of the local field. Another meeting was held Thursday evening, and in the meantime Mr. Love visited the different shops and had heart-to-heart talks with plumbers, union and non-union.

At the Tuesday night meeting Mr. Love told of the death of Secretary-Treasurer Dooley, who died of appendicitis at his home in Chicago on March 17. Mr. Love paid a high tribute to the deceased official, and said that his funeral was one of the largest ever held in Chicago. The remains were taken east for interment, and in five large industrial centers the remains of the dead officer lay in state and were visited by thousands of unionists who had known him in life and admired him for his many manly qualities and his splendid ability.

The visit of Organizer Love has strengthened the local union, and good results are already being made manifest.

BARBERS DEMAND RAISE.

Journeyman Refuse to Join Movement for Increase in Shave Price.

At a meeting of the Journeymen Barbers' Union No. 102, St. Louis, last Sunday, demand for an increase in wages was made. Contracts which the proprietors will be asked to sign specify a scale of \$13 a week, with 60 per cent of all earned over \$21, in place of the existing scale of \$12 a week with 60 per cent of all earned over \$20.

The new contract also shortens the day's work from 13 to 11½ hours.

The journeymen declined to join in a movement started by some proprietors to raise the price of a shave to 15 cents.

DECIDED TO CLOSE MINES.

Pittsburg, March 30.—The coal operators of this district at a meeting here today decided that until a full and final settlement is made of all matters entering into the wage scale and working agreement the mines will be closed. Owing to the length of time required to adjust many of the local scales it is believed that a general suspension will result in the Pittsburg district April 1.

LABOR'S GRIEVANCE HEARD.

The American Federation of Labor's statement of grievances was laid before the senate by Vice-President Fairbanks and was read in full. At the request of Senator Burrows it was ordered printed as a senate document on motion of Senator Gallinger 1,000 copies were authorized.

WOULDN'T THIS JAR YOU?

The fact that Secretary Taft is in no way "an enemy of organized labor." Nothing in his official record supports the charge of hostility to labor organizations.—Omaha Bee.

Notice to Creditors.

Estate No. 2378 of Thomas Carnahan, deceased in County Court of Lancaster County, Nebraska.

The State of Nebraska, ss.: Creditors of said estate will take notice that the time limited for presentation and filing of claims against said estate is October 15, 1908, and for payment of debts is May 17, 1909; that I will sit at the County Court room in said county, on July 15, 1908, at 2 p. m., and on October 15, 1908, at 2 p. m., to receive, examine, hear, allow or adjust all claims and objections duly filed.

Dated March 9, 1908.

P. JAS. COSGRAVE, County Judge.

(Seal.) By WALTER A. LEESE, Clerk.

LABOR UNION DIRECTORY.

Following is a directory of the Trades and Labor Unions of Lincoln and vicinity. Local secretaries are respectfully asked to report any changes or corrections herein, to the end that an accurate and convenient directory be maintained.

CENTRAL LABOR UNION—Meets second and fourth Tuesday evenings, Bruse's hall, President, O. M. Rudy, 1026 G. Secretary, F. A. Kates, 1020 K. Treasurer, T. W. Evans, 125 South Eleventh.

LABOR TEMPLE DIRECTORY—Meets every Monday evening, 127 North Twelfth street. President, J. W. Dickson, University Place. Secretary, Fred Bringer, Sixteenth and D streets, Lincoln.

MUSICIANS PROTECTIVE UNION, No. 465—Meets first and third Sunday mornings, Bruse's hall, President, Wm. Pinney, 125 South Sixteenth. Recording Secretary, W. C. Norton, 1533 North Twenty-fifth. Financial Secretary, N. A. Otis, 2234 Q.

JOURNEYMEN BARBERS, No. 164—Meets first and third Wednesday evening, Bohanan's hall, President, R. L. McBride, 1648 Q. Recording Secretary, Roy Ward, 1210 O. Financial Secretary, Roy Swinker, 1010 O.

BARTENDERS' LEAGUE, No. 399—Meets third Sunday, 10 a. m., Carpenters' hall, President, William Brandt, 325 B. Recording Secretary, Henry Ehlers. Financial Secretary, H. E. Sundean, 1844 P.

LEATHERWORKERS ON HORSE GOODS, No. 29—Meets first and third Tuesday, Bruse's hall, President, Fred Lewis, 216 South Sixteenth. Secretary-Treasurer, Peter Smith, 226 South Eleventh.

CIGARMAKERS, No. 143—Meets every Monday evening, 1026 O. President, T. W. Evans, 125 South Eleventh. Secretary, John Steiner, 122 South Tenth.

BOILERMAKERS' BROTHERHOOD, No. 497—Meets second and fourth Wednesday evenings, Carpenters' hall, President, J. C. Grant, Ninth and U streets. Recording Secretary, P. S. Sherman, 422 P street. Financial Secretary, J. Beckover.

BLACKSMITHS AND HELPERS, No. 163—Meets first and third Tuesday evenings, Campbell's hall, Havelock. President, R. O. Wagner, Havelock. Secretary, E. B. Bilson, Havelock.

BUILDING TRADES SECTION.

BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS, No. 265—Meets every Thursday evening, 1036 O street. President, C. M. Anderson, 292 G. Recording Secretary, G. E. Vennum, 1419 P. Financial Secretary, W. L. Mayer, 2225 Q.

PLUMBERS AND GASFITTERS, No. 88—Meets every Monday evening, Carpenters' hall, President, Ed. Johnson, 1933 U. Recording Secretary, George Chipman, 329 North Eleventh. Financial Secretary, Charles Burns, 846 North Twenty-sixth.

PAINTERS AND DECORATORS, No. 18—Meets every Thursday evening, Carpenters' hall, President, Charles Jennings, 1933 S. Recording Secretary, Wm. Wilkinson, 2100 N. Financial Secretary, Perry Jennings, 1936 S.

CARPENTERS AND JOINERS, No. 1055—Meets every Tuesday evening, Carpenters' hall, 130 North Tenth. President, F. B. Naracog, 130 South Twenty-eighth street. Recording Secretary, C. H. Chase, 2005 North Thirtieth. Financial Secretary, J. W. Dickson, 217 West St. Paul street, University Place.

BRICKLAYERS AND MASONS No. 2—Meets every Friday evening, Carpenters' hall, President, E. L. Simon, 2245 E. Recording Secretary, F. W. Smith, R. F. Myers, 14. Financial Secretary, C. H. Fieders, 320 North Eleventh.

RAILROAD BROTHERHOODS.

BROTHERHOOD OF LOCOMOTIVE ENGINEERS, Division No. 98—Meets second and fourth Sunday. Chief Engineer, J. S. McCoy, 1203 U street. First Assistant Engineer, F. D. Palmer, 725 South Tenth street. Second Assistant Engineer, H. Wiggenjost, Court House.

BOILERMAKERS' BROTHERHOOD, No. 119—Meets second and fourth Friday evenings, W. O. U. hall, 1007 G. President, Charles Peterson, 1402 Jackson. Havelock. Secretary, Tom Duffy, Indiana and Touzalin avenues, Havelock.

MACHINISTS' ASSOCIATION, No. 698—Meets first Friday in Havelock third Friday at A. O. U. W. hall, Lincoln. President, J. A. Maistead, Havelock. Secretary, C. H. Lingle, 829 North Seventeenth.

BROTHERHOOD OF RAILWAY CARMEN—Meets first and third Saturday evenings, A. O. U. W. hall, President, H. T. Sexton, 1831 North Twentieth. Recording Secretary, C. E. Cox, 2749 W. Financial Secretary, G. P. Ludwig, 1137 South Seventh.

BROTHERHOOD OF LOCOMOTIVE FIREMEN AND ENGINEERS, No. 378—Meets second and fourth Sunday afternoons, A. O. U. W. hall, Master, H. Kurtz, 821 North Twelfth. Secretary, J. K. Robinson, 2971 Q.

BROTHERHOOD OF RAILWAY TRAINMEN, No. 170—Meets second and fourth Sunday afternoons, Bohanan's hall, Master, J. D. Andrews, 1730 O. Secretary, D. J. Cooper, 2126 South Ninth.

BROTHERHOOD OF SWITCHMEN, No. 120—Meets first Sunday at 8 p. m., second Sunday at 2 p. m., Carpenters' hall, President, U. S. Swisher, 2747 Recorder, Recording Secretary, George Ray, 1202 Knox. Financial Secretary, J. Johnson, 2313 D.

PRINTING TRADES SECTION.

ALLIED PRINTING TRADES COUNCIL—Meets first and third Wednesday evenings, Carpenters' hall, President, G. E. Locker, 625 South Eighteenth street. Secretary-Treasurer, J. H. Brooks, 700 North Ninth street.

TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION, No. 209—Meets first Sunday, 2 p. m., Fraternity hall, President, J. R. Bain, 120 South Thirtieth. Recording Secretary, H. W. Bingham, 2201 Holdrege. Financial Secretary, F. H. Hebbard, 1527 Washington.

BOOKBINDERS' BROTHERHOOD, No. 120—Meets third Monday evening, Carpenters' hall, President, C. C. Jerome, 1610 South Sixteenth. Secretary-Treasurer, Fred Ress, 1201 B.

STEREOTYPERS AND ELECTRO-TYPERS, No. 62—Meets third Wednesday evening, Carpenters' hall, President, A. E. Small, 2044 South Nineteenth. Secretary-Treasurer, Sam Asken, 2275 Dudley.

CAPITAL AUXILIARY, No. 11—Meets second and fourth Friday afternoons at home of members, President, Mrs. Fred W. Mickel, 1945 South Sixteenth. Secretary, Mrs. C. B. Righter, 2208 Dudley. Treasurer, Mrs. Charles Barngrover, 2815 Starr.

PRESSMEN AND ASSISTANTS, No. 106—Meets first Wednesday, Carpenters' hall, President, J. H. Brooks, 725 North Eleventh. Recording Secretary, E. C. Werger, 1526 N. Financial Secretary, W. D. King, 2030 M.

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