

**THE MUSICIANS.**

**Surprised That a Non-Union Band Should Oust Them.**

The union musicians of Lincoln are just a little bit astonished that the Lincoln Bryan Club should overlook a local band that is made up of union musicians and select an outside band that is non-union to be the "official band" on the Denver convention trip. Local musicians were ignored by the Woodmen state rally, and the state fair managers have secured the services of three outside bands for fair week. Now comes the local democratic club and also gives preference to an outside band. This rather inclines the local union musicians to the belief that they are being discriminated against on account of their unionism. They played for Woodmen and for state fairs before they organized.

Local democrats deny that there is any discrimination. They declare that the democratic club has no money with which to hire a band, and that the Hebron band was selected because it offered to go for its bare expenses, and the democrats of Thayer county offered to pay half of that. The Traveling Men's Bryan Club seems to have taken the lead in the matter of securing music.

"We simply can not raise money enough to pay a band's expenses and wages to its members," said an official of the Traveling Men's Club. "It will make us hustle to raise our share of the expenses of the Hebron band. We are going down in our individual pockets for everything, and there is plenty of opportunity for paying out money. You can say for the club that if it had money enough to hire a union band and pay union wages, it would be a union band that went with us. But we are not hiring any band. We are simply taking up a voluntary collection and paying a little towards the expenses of a band that is furnished by the democrats of Thayer county."

Local musicians have been agitating the matter for several days and it is likely that the international officers will be asked to use their influence.

At the St. Louis convention the following international officers were elected: President, Joseph N. Weber; secretary, Owen Miller; Treasurer, Otto Ostendorf; first vice president, George W. Boper; second vice president, T. C. Keleher, Charles A. Pinner of Kansas City was elected district officer of District No. 6, and H. P. Robinson of Colorado Springs of District No. 7. President Weber was selected fraternal delegate to the International Convention of European Musicians, which meets in Vienna next fall.

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## The Church and Labor

### IV. A BETTER UNDERSTANDING.

There probably has never been a time in the history of the labor movement when the church and labor were so close together as they are now. There are several reasons for this changed attitude. It is due, in part, and perhaps principally, to the fact that they understand each other better. Much has been accomplished in this direction through the exchange of fraternal delegates between Central Labor bodies and Ministers' Associations. Each has come to see that the other is really human, made of flesh and blood, of heart and brain, and with very much the same temptations and the same aspirations for better things, even though they are sometimes differently expressed. Each is giving the other credit for honesty of purpose and devotion to what each considers the best ideals. And that means a great deal. The workingman has seen that, mixed up with this "religious" life of the churchman, there is a social and economic interest and influence which he had not known about, and the minister has had his eyes opened to the religious element which is hidden in the economic struggle of the workingman.

While the churchman still believes that without a moral and a spirit vision, the people are bound to perish, he has also learned that the church

cannot succeed without the rugged strength of the common people. The church needs most of all, not the rich and the mighty, but those who can suffer and toil as Christ toiled and suffered. Who knows better than the working people how to do these things?

The workingman has been learning that "man cannot live by bread alone." There are some things even more important than "bread," for there are some things which are more important than life itself. This isn't very tempting truth to offer starving men, but workingmen have nevertheless learned the lesson. For what means the sacrifice for others which one sees so often among the lowly? Nowhere is there greater sacrifice than among those who have least to give.

Coming from different roads, both church and labor have been approaching the same great truths, not realizing that they have both been working away, largely ignorant of each other's labors, toward a common end. And some day, very much as those who tunneled from opposite directions, beneath the Hudson river, came together with mathematical exactness at the completion of their tasks, so the church and labor were come together, having prepared the way for suffering millions who needed greater comfort and better facilities for their life's work.—Rev. Charles Stelzle.

### PYTHIANS ALL RIGHT.

The supreme lodge Knights of Pythias, which meets in Boston in August, has announced that it will have the biggest parade in the history of the order, and say that only union bands will be allowed to participate. That sounds so good to the editor of this humble little labor paper that he is going to hustle around and "get square" with the good old order. He used to be a Pythian, and now he knows he ought to get back in line.

### OFFERED A TREAT.

But They Did Not Take Advantage of the Offer.

The Lincoln unionists were given a treat Thursday evening, Miss Margaret A. Haley, of Chicago, spoke to them.—Omaha Western Laborer.

Not quite correct, Brer Kennedy. The unionists of Lincoln were offered a treat Thursday evening of last week, but they passed it up. Out of 2,500 union men in this community, just twenty took advantage of the rare opportunity to hear Miss Haley.

Not less than fifty union men have declared in the presence of the editor of the Wageworker that they never heard that Miss Haley was to speak in Lincoln. "Why wasn't it advertised?" they asked. Miss Haley's visit to Lincoln was advertised in the display advertising columns of the Lincoln Journal, the Evening News, and the Lincoln Star, Lincoln's three daily papers. The Star, Journal and News gave Miss Haley's approaching visit not less than a total of six columns of local notices. The Star devoted a splendid editorial and several editorial paragraphs to her approaching visit. The Journal gave her a fine notice in the most widely read department of the paper—"More or Less Per-

sonal." The Wageworker devoted three-fourths of its first page to Miss Haley's approaching visit. Her address was announced at the Auditorium Wednesday night to 2,000 people. And yet a lot of union men seek to excuse their failure to hear this wonderful woman on the ground that here address "wasn't advertised."

### CAPITAL AUXILIARY.

Capital Auxiliary meets Friday, June 12, at 2:30 p. m. with Mrs. W. M. Maupin, 647 South Twenty-seventh street. Take Randolph street car on White line.

Mrs. W. S. Bustard, whose aged grandfather died recently in Mt. Vernon, Wash., will leave shortly for that place.

All members who can be requested to bring flowers for the decoration of the printers' lot in Wyuka on Sunday, May 31, in the afternoon.

### LOCOMOTIVE ENGINEERS.

Brief News of Men Who Handle Throttle and Lever.

It took two big cars of the Traction company to carry the engineers, their wives, children and friends Monday evening, the occasion being a "trolley party" given by the auxiliary to the local division of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. The "trolleys" gathered at the corner of Tenth and O streets and at 7:30 filled two cars to the limit and made a tour of the city. Pedestrians were made quite well aware that there was something doing, for the "trolleys" sang, shouted, blew horns, waved banners and had one of those good times you used to read about in the story books. The party

was a decided success, both in the number who participated and in the enjoyment had.

The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, in convention at Columbus, Ohio, took action on the electrical problem. Motormen operating electric engines which have taken the place of steam engines are admitted to full membership. In addition, motormen on elevated railways or subways are eligible, and motormen on roads operating twenty or more miles of track outside of a city. In fact, the report takes in almost every man running a train by motive power, except motormen on surface street car lines. It has been suggested that the brotherhood be divided into two divisions—one electrical and one steam.

The National Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers has a membership of 70,000, and holds contracts with 107 railroads, including all the trunk lines and most of the smaller roads. Officers of the organization handle each year \$3,500,000 in dues and insurance premiums.

It has been reported that the Locomotive Engineers of Lincoln have refused to take hold of the Labor Temple project because the articles of incorporation set out that no organization not affiliated with the American Federation of Labor can hold stock as an organization, and the B. of L. E. does not affiliate. If the local division will send a representative to a meeting of the board of directors of the Labor Temple association the matter can be explained to his satisfaction. The engineers ought to be boosting the Temple project.

Has George Moore lost his voice, or has he had his baseball bump amputated? Something must have happened, for Moore hasn't been making good in the "bug" corner of the grand stand down at the Greenbackers' lot so far this season.

Delegates who attend the engineers' conventions are paid \$7 a day. The delegates haven't kicked, but the rank and file has decided that the pay is inadequate, and the chances are that it will be increased.

### THOUSANDS IN CONTEMPT.

Every Union Carpenter and Machinist in Chicago Implicated.

Last Wednesday Judge Carpenter of Chicago ordered fifteen thousand men, members of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners and the Amalgamated Machinists and Factory Workers to appear before him and show cause why they should not be punished for contempt of court.

The court's rule cites them to explain their conduct in regard to the injunction restraining them from interfering with the Mears-Slayton Lumber company. If the court finds that the injunction has been violated, he can

put every one of the members in jail.

Here is a bully chance to put this "contempt of court" business on the bum. Wouldn't it be great if every one of the 15,000 men appeared and admitted their contempt? Wouldn't the taxpayers of Cook county raise a roar of the whole army of 15,000 were sent to jail and had to be fed for a month or two at public expense?

But if these 15,000 men did admit their contempt for Judge Carpenter he wouldn't dare jail them. He couldn't. The people wouldn't stand for it. There wouldn't be jail room for ten per cent of them. The carpenters and machinists ought to call Judge Carpenter's bluff, and call it good and strong.

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