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Gossip of Live Ones Here in Lincoln

Last Sunday was observed as "Printers' Memorial Day" by Typographical Union No. 209. The inclement weather forced a postponement of the decoration services in the afternoon, but despite the rain some fifty members of the union and of Capital Auxiliary No. 11 assembled at the First Baptist church and listened to a splendid sermon on "Brotherhood" by Rev. Dr. Batten. The necessity of organization was emphasized by the speaker, and he pointed out the splendid results that were accruing by reason of the spirit of brotherhood that was being fostered by the trades unions. That unions make mistakes was admitted, but it was pointed out that these mistakes were not the mistakes of unionism but the mistakes of a fallible humanity. The idea of brotherhood presupposes the idea of fatherhood, and upon this point Rev. Dr. Batten dwelt with convincing eloquence. His arraignment of the greed and avarice with its murdering, physically and morally, its thousands in the sweat shops, and slaughtering the innocents by the scores and hundreds in the mills and mines, was terrific. He insisted that the true remedy for these evils lay in arousing in all men the knowledge of their brotherly duty—the fostering of that spirit of universal brotherhood that can come only from a knowledge and practical application of the Fatherhood of God. The golden rule is the foundation upon which men should build in their dealings with their brothers.

The sermon was listened to with deep interest, and it made a profound impression upon the hearers.

In the afternoon a committee proceeded to Wyuka and decorated the Typographical Union's burial lot. Sunday afternoon, June 14, the services as planned for Wyuka last Sunday will be carried out. The union and auxiliary will meet at the Fraternity building at 3 o'clock and at 3:15 will take special cars on the Citizens' line for the cemetery. L. D. Woodruff will deliver the decoration day address, followed by President Bain of the union. A quartette will sing and the assembly will also sing one or two familiar hymns. Rev. J. Mickel will invoke the divine blessing. Then the roster of the union's dead will be called and the choicest flowers laid upon their graves.

The old-time printers in Lincoln were grieved early this week by the news from Sioux City that George C. McCaslin was dead. Mr. McCaslin worked in Lincoln some eighteen or twenty years ago, and was at one time president of No. 209. For the last three years he had been a hopeless paralytic, but during these years he was always cheerful. His comrades cheered him as only true blue unionists can under such trying circumstances. For ten years he was employed upon the Sioux City Journal, and his employers speak of him in the highest terms. He was buried from the Whitfield Methodist church in Sioux City, and the funeral was under the auspices of Sioux City Typographical Union.

The first month's assessment of the International Typographical Union for the old age pension had amounted to \$10,296.13.

St. Paul, Minn., Typographical Union has decided to take a hand in the political game, and a special committee has been authorized to arrange the preliminaries.

Lincoln union meets tomorrow, and the important matter of deciding the Ingraham-Ford vote for president will come up. The meeting promises to be a lively one, and the way parliamentary law will be sprung is calculated to be worth going miles to see.

THE CIGARMAKERS.

Brief Notes About the Boys Who Roll the Smokes.

The strike of the cigarmakers at New Haven, Conn., which has been brought to a conclusion, has cost the international union \$1,500 per week for seven weeks, the duration of the trouble, and the men \$50,000 in wages.

The amount of benefits paid by the Cigarmakers' International Union since the payment of benefits was

inaugurated, November, 1879, or a period of 28 years and two months up to December 31, 1907, was: Loaned to members, \$1,092,492.05; strike benefits, \$1,159,484.26; sick benefits, \$1,967,599.03; out-of-work benefits (18 years), \$1,089,274.61; grand total of all benefits paid in that time, \$7,736,327.87. The highest paid per capita in any one year by members to meet all benefits was \$15.74 1-10 in 1884.

would move promptly at 9:30. The parade moved on time, but the "boys' band" was at the head.

The Nebraska State Band, owing to the fact that this was its first appearance, was naturally a little dilatory, but at the most it would not have been more than two or three minutes behind time. As most of its members are wage-earners, and as those who offered to play lost a half-day's work by turning out, they feel that under the circumstances they might have been allowed a little leeway. After the parade had started with the "boys' band" at the head the Nebraska State Band did not feel like butting in. The members deeply regret the incident,

for the Auditorium summer garden. That means union music for this resort, which is rapidly growing in popular favor.

THE PRESSMEN.

International Convention Meets in Mobile Next Week.

The annual convention of the International Printing Pressmen and Assistants' Union will convene at Mobile, Ala., next Saturday. The regular business sessions, however, will not begin until the following Monday. President Berry announces from headquarters that the indications point to the largest convention in the history

Business Men Give Some Practical Advice

Through the courtesy of Governor Sheldon the directors of the Lincoln Labor Temple Building association were permitted to meet with a number of Lincoln's leading business men at the executive mansion Monday evening. The directors asked that the meeting be arranged in order that they might submit their plans to business men who understood how such things were pushed to a success-

to accomplish, and also explained why the business men had been called in.

"We want the benefit of your business experience. We want to know how best to proceed with what we admit is a pretty heavy undertaking. But we feel that what we are trying to accomplish will not only be profitable from a standpoint of dollars and cents, but will be profitable from the standpoint of better citizenship in the future. We are not seeking donations to help us along. We want to make this an investment proposition that will appeal to men of good business judgment, and at the same time convince them that aside from its profitability in dollars and cents it will be a splendid thing for the community."

President Dickson then explained briefly the kind of a building it is proposed to erect, the uses to which it is to be put, and the probable amount that will have to be raised.

An estimate of the probable receipts from such a building was then submitted to the business men present together with a "guess" at the probable cost of maintenance. The directors who prepared the figures admitted that the estimate of expense was largely guess work on their part, but they insisted that the estimated receipts were well within the limits of conservatism. This, too, was the opinion of Dr. P. L. Hall, who gave the figures a close study.

Dr. Hall expressed his deep interest in the project and assured the directors that he would give it support. He then proceeded, in reply to inquiries, to advise the directors how to proceed with the campaign—and that was just what the directors had secured the meeting for—advice. He told how the Elks' Building committee had proceeded, and how the splendid club building had been financed. In brief, succinct sentences he gave that little bunch of wage-earners more helpful advice along practical lines than they had been able to acquire in seven months of devotion to the duty of boosting the Temple project.

Mr. A. D. Benway also favored the directors with some counsel that can not be otherwise than profitable. His interest in the project was manifested from the very moment the meeting began, and his methods of direct questioning aided much in getting the full facts brought out. Rev. Dr. Batten and Rev. Dr. Orr were present and pledged their heart support in every way possible.

"I am afraid," remarked Governor Sheldon, "that my letters went out a little too late, but I want you gentlemen to understand that I am at your service any time, and whenever you want another meeting of this kind, you will do me a favor by letting me know. I am in hearty sympathy with this movement. The workingmen of every city ought to have a central meeting place of their own—a home of their own, where they can feel that they are owners and proprietors. And Lincoln is just the place in all this great west for such a movement to show the first great success."

"Do not think," said Dr. Hall, "that because only a few business men are here this evening that they are not interested. They have talked this matter over among themselves at various times for the past six months. You all know that Lincoln merchants are approached every day and asked to aid this or that project. But I want to say to you gentlemen that in an experience that is pretty wide I never saw a more public-spirited lot of men in my life than the business men of Lincoln. Your plans are splendid, and all you need to do to achieve success is to crystallize them, get them into workable shape, and then present them to the merchants and other business men of the city. But you must have a tangible, working proposition. And as a friend I want to warn you that you've got a mighty big job ahead of you, and it will require a vast amount of work and of self-sacrifice to win out."

CAPITAL AUXILIARY.

Capital Auxiliary meets Friday, June 12, with Mrs. W. M. Maupis, 647 South Twenty-seventh street.

THE PROPOSED LABOR TEMPLE



The above is a picture of the proposed Labor Temple. Whether it ever gets beyond the picture stage depends wholly upon the union men of Lincoln and vicinity. They can have a real Labor Temple if they really want it. If every man in Lincoln and suburbs who carries a union card will invest \$5 to \$10 in the stock of the Labor Temple Association, and do it within the next two months, the corner stone will be laid on Labor Day. But it will be a long time before the corner stone is laid unless the union men take a more active interest in the project.

The shares are \$1 each, non-assessible, and every stockholder has a

voice in the affairs of the association. The association is incorporated under the laws of the state of Nebraska. Every union affiliated with the American Federation of Labor and owning 100 or more shares of stock in the association is entitled to one director on the board. Following are the officers of the association:

President, J. W. Dickson, Carpenters' Union.
Vice-president, S. L. Chaplin, Barbers' Union.
Secretary, Fred Ihringer, Typographical Union.
Treasurer, Beman C. Fox, Cashier Central National Bank.

The following unions are entitled to representation on the board of directors by reason of owning 100 or more shares of stock: Carpenters, Bartenders, Printers, Leatherworkers, Electrical workers, Painters, Plumbers. Six directors elected at large represent three other unions as follows: Cigarmakers, Pressmen, Bookbinders, the individual members of which unions own enough stock to secure representation under the heading of "directors at large."

The board of directors meets every Monday evening.

THE MUSICIANS.

Absence from Memorial Day Parade is Easily Explained.

The Nebraska State Band was advertised to head the Memorial Day parade last Saturday, and the absence of the band led to many inquiries. The explanation is very easily made. The band tendered its services free to the committee, and the tender was accepted with many expressions of gratitude. The band was told that it would be given the right of the line, and that the parade

as they were eager to do all possible honor to the veterans.

Secretary Miller of the International Federation of Musicians has taken cognizance of the fact that the Bryan Traveling Men's club and the Lincoln Bryan club have engaged a non-union band to accompany the Denver excursion, and will try to adjust matters satisfactorily.

Memorial Day the Nebraska State Band serenaded the city newspaper offices. Right now Lincoln has the best band in its history, and civic pride ought to be an inducement to the citizens to give this splendid organization every possible support.

Negotiations have been concluded between the officials of the Musical Mutual Protective Union and the Theatrical Managers' Association of Greater New York, over the making of a new contract for the next theatrical year, with the result of a compromise. The union contended for a wage increase, but it was finally agreed that the old scale should remain in effect, while the managers consented to certain minor concessions.

Quick's orchestra has been engaged

of the organization. The Lincoln local will not be represented this year.

The New York branch of the Printers' League of America has entered into an agreement with the Pressmen's and Press Feeders' Union by which there will be no strikes or lockouts in future, as all differences will be adjusted by arbitration. The matter will be brought before the International Typographical Union convention with a view of having a similar agreement entered into with union printers.

"I wonder what causes electricity in the paper?" queried Billy King at a recent unofficial gathering of pressmen.

"O, I guess it's because of so much current literature going round the cylinders," remarked "Heine" Cameron.

"That's not it," insisted Walter Brown. "It's the shocking bad grammar that has to be run through the press."

"Well, the printing press is a great transformer, anyhow," mused President Brooks, and at that the discussion ended.

ful conclusion. If any business man honored with an invitation from the governor hesitated to accept through fear that he was going to be asked to donate something, the hesitancy was unwarranted. Asking for donations is the last thing the projectors of the Temple movement contemplate.

It is to be regretted that more of the business men did not respond to the invitation, but it is admitted that the notice was short and that many of those who failed to respond were tied up by previous engagements. Three or four sent responses evidencing interest in the movement and pledging their co-operation, but asking to be excused on account of prior engagements.

The meeting was held in the handsome parlors of the executive mansion, and the visitors were warmly welcomed by Governor and Mrs. Sheldon and at once made to feel perfectly at home. Then, amidst the smoke of fragrant cigars the wage-earners interested in this vital movement explained their hopes and aspirations. President Dickson of the board of directors stated tersely and fully just what the association aimed