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## They are Getting Into The Political Game

There was a lot of political "dig-diddings" at the meeting of the Central But before the political game opened up the central body proceeded to make short shrift of several propositions.

A proposition was received to unite with the Modern Woodmen of America in a Labor Day celebration to be pulled off at Ashland. It was asserted that Ashland would put up a nice wad of money for prizes, and that the keys of the city would be delivered over to the visitors. It took about a minute—or less time—to turn the proposition down with a dull, sickening thud.

"We'll celebrate Labor Day in Lincoln, and we'll do it right," was the unanimous sentiment of every delegate present.

On motion Secretary Kates was instructed to invite every union organization in the city to send two Labor Day committeemen to the next meeting of the Central Labor Union. As soon as this committee is appointed the central body will step aside and let the committee handle the affair. The central body intends only to start the ball to rolling. Every union in the city and in Havelock should send representatives to Bruse's hall on Tuesday evening, July 27. If any union does not meet in the meantime, the president is requested to appoint two committeemen to act ad interim. There is every reason why Lincoln and Havelock unionists should make the 1908 Labor Day demonstration one to linger long in the memories of the people.

Organizer Kelsey reported the Stage Employees in line for their charter in a very short time. He also reported progress in the matter of organizing the cement workers, and stated that he had the revival of a defunct union in hand, but was not at liberty at this particular time to enter into details. The reports of trades were not satisfactory as a whole, a number of men being out of work.

Having thus disposed of routine work the political "diddings" began, and everybody seemed to be on the same side. George M. Quick of the Carpenters offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

"The members of Lincoln Central Labor Union, realizing that the working people as a class are not getting their just share of what they produce, and that others who do nothing live in luxury and acquire great fortunes from the labor of the people who do work, and thinking it unjust that industrious people should be forced to remain poor with little hope of bettering their condition without doing their fellow workers injustice, and believing that we see a remedy in the declarations of the democratic party upon questions directly affecting labor, which declarations have the cordial support of the candidate upon the democratic platform, our esteemed fellow townsman, William Jennings Bryan, who has always championed the cause of labor and been true to the toiler in both his public and his private life, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Central Labor Union of Lincoln, Nebraska, endorse the principles affecting labor enunciated by the democratic party and pledge our support to William Jennings Bryan in his candidacy for the high office of president of the United States, believing him at once the most capable and the fairest in his attitude towards the workers. Be it further

Resolved, That the president of this body appoint a committee of twelve from among the delegates to convey to Mr. Bryan a copy of these resolutions, and to extend to him our congratulations and best wishes.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be furnished to the press in order that the thousands of our fellow workers may know the high esteem we, who know him best, have for William Jennings Bryan."

It was unanimously agreed that the entire central body meet at Carpenters' hall on Friday evening at 8 o'clock and proceed to Fairview in a body and watch the committee of twelve present the resolutions to Mr. Bryan. It was also decided to ask all union men to accompany the central body to Fairview.

Having thus settled the presidential

succession the delegates proceeded to take up the matter of securing representation in the legislature.

The first man mentioned was J. W. Dickson, of University Place, a member of the Carpenters' Union and chairman of the board of directors of the Labor Temple Association. When his name was mentioned the applause was loud and prolonged. A half-dozen delegates made short speeches in support of Dickson's candidacy, and then he was unanimously recommended for the legislature. Mr. Dickson is a republican who has

known to the editor of this humble little labor paper, and the editor gives it out cold, right here and now, that he is for them until the last ballot is deposited in the box. It is rumored that the railroad organizations will offer two or three candidates to both of the old parties. The Wagworker will be for them.

It is likely that in a short time a "dying wedge" will be organized for the purpose of advancing the candidacy of several union men who are willing to have their names put on the primary tickets for the legislature.

Two years ago, before the primary system was in force, the republican county convention turned down a request from republican union men to nominate a couple of union men for the legislature, claiming that the request came too late, the "slate" hav-

ing been made. That excuse cannot be offered now. Then the democrats nominated a couple of union men for the legislature, and while they made a good showing for themselves it was an almighty poor showing for organized labor. There is no senator to elect next year, and that club cannot be used on the heads of union men who show a disposition to bolt the partisan candidates and vote for a fellow unionist.

Work is reported a bit dull for this season of the year. There are plenty of men in sight for all the jobs.

### LABOR TEMPLE DIRECTORS.

A Short Meeting, but Steps Taken to Resume the Boosting Process.

The directors of the Labor Temple Association met in regular session last Monday evening, but owing to circumstances nothing of moment was accomplished. J. W. Dickson, who

## Federation Officials Talk With Mr. Bryan

Samuel Gompers, president; Frank Morrison, secretary, and James Duncan, first vice-president, of the American Federation of Labor, were in Lincoln for a few hours last Monday, and spent a short time in consultation with Mr. Bryan at Fairview. During his short visit in Lincoln President Gompers made the following statement:

"I am very well satisfied with the democratic platform as promulgated at the Denver convention," said Mr. Gompers, "and I will do everything in

support these declarations and of course that means we will work for the election of the men who stand for our principles.

"I have never expected defeat in any undertaking, never hoped for defeat and never have given up fighting for an idea or principle that I firmly believed to be right and just. I will always be found fighting for what I believe is right, no matter what the temporary results may be. I believe that in this fight we now have on hand, that we will win, and I shall work for Mr. Bryan's election and for the ratification of the principles that we have advocated as officers and as an organization."

"Will the American Federation of Labor be as active this fall as it was two years ago in opposing 'Uncle Joe Cannon'?" Mr. Gompers was asked.

"We haven't got to Illinois yet," replied Mr. Gompers, quickly, and then he added, "Wait a minute!" accompanying the remark with a significant closing of an eye and a characteristic gesture which certainly did give one the impression that pretty soon the labor folks will get to Illinois and that then they will do some unpleasant things to "Uncle Joe's" political aspirations.

### THE BARTENDERS.

Pay Respects to the Memory of Their Departed Comrades.

On Sunday, July 5, in accordance with a custom established one year ago, the Bartenders' League of Lincoln held annual memorial services at Wyuka cemetery. The services were brief but impressive. Meeting at Carpenters' hall the Bartenders took a special car to Wyuka, and there the graves of departed comrades were decorated with the choicest flowers. Herman Sundean read Bryant's immortal poem "Thanatopsis," before loving hands decorated the graves. The services made a marked impression. The Lincoln League was the first to establish this custom among the Bartenders and the example is being followed all over the country.

### LABOR DAY IN LINCOLN.

Every Local Union Should Begin Preparations Immediately.

The Central Labor Union has initiated the movement for the proper observance of Labor Day this year, and the local unions should now take the matter up and carry it through to a successful conclusion. No celebration was had last year, the chief reason being the impossibility of securing union music. That difficulty will not face organized labor this year, as Lincoln musicians are thoroughly organized.

The first meeting to arrange for Labor Day will be held at Bruse's hall on Tuesday evening, July 28, and every local union in the county should be represented, either by duly appointed committeemen or by the president and secretary.

Let's make next Labor Day's celebration one long to be remembered. And celebrate right here at home, too.

### UNION MADE TOBACCO.

If You Say You Can't Get It, You Tell an Untruth.

There is absolutely no excuse for the union man who smokes or chews non-union tobacco. There is plenty of union made smoking and chewing tobacco offered for sale in Lincoln. The Wagworker has made a little investigation and found the following brands of chewing tobacco on sale: "Hand Made," "Fame," "Delmonico," "Stronghold," "Yankee Girl," "Red Band Scrap," "Mail Pouch."

The following brands of union-made smoking tobacco may be found in any tobacco store worthy of union patronage: "Edgeworth," "Manhattan Cocktail," "Sweet Tips," "Crushed Cubes," "After Dinner Mixture," "Sun Cured." Now quit telling us that you "just can't use union made tobacco because it makes my mouth sore."

### A MAUDLIN PLANK.

The mandlin plank on injunction inserted in the republican platform pleases Joe Cannon, but is dubbed a fake by the workingman.—Sioux City Union Advocate.

## NOW TAKE YOUR CHOICE

### DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM.

The courts of justice are the bulwark of our liberties, and we yield to none in our purpose to maintain their dignity. Our party has given to the bench a long line of distinguished judges who have added to the respect and confidence in which this department must be jealously maintained. We resent the attempt of the republican party to raise a false issue respecting the judiciary. It is an unjust reflection upon a great body of our citizens to assume that they lack respect for the courts.

It is the function of the courts to interpret the laws which the people create, and if the laws appear to work economic, social or political injustice, it is our duty to change them. The only basis upon which the integrity of our courts can stand is that of unswerving justice and protection of life, personal liberty and property. If judicial processes may be abused, we should guard them against abuse.

Experience has proven the necessity of a modification of the present law relating to injunctions, and we reiterate the pledge of our national platforms of 1896 and 1904 in favor of the measure which passed the United States senate in 1896, but which a republican congress has ever since refused to enact, relating to contempt in federal courts and providing for trial by jury in case of indirect contempt.

Questions of judicial practice have arisen especially in connection with industrial disputes. We deem that the parties to all judicial proceedings should be treated with rigid impartiality, and that injunctions should not be issued in any cases in which injunctions would not issue if no industrial dispute were involved.

The expanding organization of industry makes it essential that there should be no abridgment of the right of wage earners and producers to organize for the protection of wages and the improvement of labor conditions to the end that such labor organizations and their members should not be regarded as illegal combinations in restraint of trade.

We favor the eight-hour day on all government work. We pledge the democratic party to the enactment of a law by congress, as far as the federal jurisdiction extends, for a general employers' liability act covering injury to body or loss of life of employes.

We pledge the democratic party to the enactment of a law creating a department of labor, represented separately in the president's cabinet, which department shall include the subject of mines and mining.

### THE CARPENTERS.

Prepare to Boost One of Their Number Into the Legislature.

The Carpenters got busy last week and decided to take a stand in the political game. Having so decided they unanimously agreed to do all they could to secure a nomination upon the republican ticket for J. W. Dickson, and send him to the legislature. Then they made it known that they were ready to endorse any good union man who happened to get a nomination for the legislature, regardless of his politics. All they want to know is that he is a "square" man, a good citizen and loyal to his fellows.

The annual convention of the Carpenters and Joiners will be held in Salt Lake on September 15. One of the most important things to be considered by the convention is the prop-

### CAPITAL AUXILIARY.

Capital Auxiliary met Friday, July 10, at the home of Mrs. A. T. Pentzer. The new officers were installed and new committees appointed for the next six months.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. Floyd McKinney, 1925 T street, Friday, July 24.

The newly appointed flower committee is as follows: Mesdames Ihinger, Pentzer and Peate.

Mrs. B. C. Townner of Council Bluffs is visiting friends in Lincoln.

Mrs. Gilbert has been entertaining friends from the east.

working in the party ranks in season and out of season, and he would be a credit to the party, to his fellow unionists and to Lancaster county as a member of the legislature.

O. M. Rudy, of the Electrical Workers, president of the Central Labor Union and a member of the board of directors of the Labor Temple Association, was also unanimously endorsed. Mr. Rudy is another life-long republican, and he is eminently qualified to represent Lancaster county in the legislature.

Sam Chaplin, a member of the Barbers' Union, and vice president of the board of directors of the Labor Temple Association, was the third man unanimously endorsed. Mr. Chaplin is a democrat.

These three men were pledged the undivided support of every delegate present if they got into the race, and it is believed that they will make the race before the primaries in an effort to land the nomination. Several other names were mentioned, but it was deemed unwise to endorse them until they could be consulted.

But the proceedings made manifest one thing—the union men of Lancaster county are going to make their presence felt in the coming primary fight and the ensuing campaign.

The three men whose names are mentioned above are all personally