

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, Bruce's hall, President, O. M. Rudy, 1038 G. Secretary, A. K. Kest, 1020 K. Treasurer, V. W. Evans, 128 South Eleventh.

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

MUSICIANS PROTECTIVE UNION, No. 463—Meets first and third Sunday mornings, Bruce's hall, President, Wm. Finney, 125 South Eleventh, Recording Secretary, W. C. Norton, 1533 North Twenty-fifth, Financial Secretary, N. A. Otis, 2234 Q.

JOURNEMEN BARBERS, No. 164—Meets first and third Wednesday evening, Bohannan's hall, President, R. L. McBride, 1645 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, 1225 R. Recording Secretary, Henry Ehlers, Financial Secretary, H. E. Sundean, 1844 P.

LEATHERWORKERS ON HORSE GOODS, No. 29—Meets first and third Tuesdays, Bruce's hall, President, Fred Lewis, 214 South Sixteenth, Secretary-Treasurer, Peter Smith, 226 South Eleventh.

CIGARMAKERS, No. 143—Meets every Monday evening, 1036 O. President, T. W. Evans, 128 South Eleventh, Secretary, John Steiner, 122 South Tenth.

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

BLACKSMITHS AND HELPERS, No. 163—Meets first and third Tuesday evenings, Campbell's hall, Havelock, President, C. 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, 2027 Q. Recording Secretary, G. E. Vennum, 1410 P. Financial Secretary, W. L. Mayer, 2225 Q.

PLUMBERS AND GASFITTERS, No. 88—Meets every Monday evening, Carpenters' hall, President, Ed English, 1932 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, 1938 S. Recording Secretary, Wm. Wilkinson, 2100 N. Financial Secretary, Perry Jennings, 1936 S.

CARPENTERS AND JOINERS, No. 1055—Meets every Tuesday evening, Carpenters' hall, 150 North Tenth, President, F. B. Naracong, 130 South Twenty-eighth street, Recording Secretary, C. H. Chase, 2065 North Thirtieth, Financial Secretary, J. W. Dickson, 317 West St. Paul street, University Place.

BRICKLAYERS AND MASONS, No. 2—Meets every Friday evening, Carpenters' hall, President, E. J. Blinn, 2245 E. Recording Secretary, P. W. Smith, R. F. D. 14. Financial Secretary, C. H. Meyers, 320 North Eleventh.

RAILROAD BROTHERHOODS.

BROTHERHOOD OF LOCOMOTIVE ENGINEERS, No. 18—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, A. O. U. W. 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, F. A. Malstead, Havelock, Secretary, C. H. Lingle, 329 North Seventeenth.

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BROTHERHOOD OF LOCOMOTIVE FIREMEN AND ENGINEERS, No. 179—Meets second and fourth Sunday afternoons, A. O. U. W. hall, Master, H. Kurtz, 421 North Twelfth, Secretary, J. K. Robinson, 2971 Q.

BROTHERHOOD OF RAILWAY TRAINMEN, No. 170—Meets second and fourth Sunday afternoons, Bohannan's hall, Master, J. D. Andrews, 1736 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 Sumner, Recording Secretary, George Ray, 1203 Knox, Financial Secretary, J. Johnson, 2313 D.

PRINTING TRADES SECTION.

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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 Hess, 1201 B.

STEREOTYPERS AND ELECTROTYPERS, No. 52—Meets third Wednesday evening, Carpenters' hall, President, A. E. Small, 2044 Third Nineteenth, Secretary-Treasurer, Sam Asken, 2275 Dudley.

CAPITAL AUXILIARY, No. 11—Meets second and fourth Friday afternoons at homes of members, President, Mrs. F. H. Hebbard, 1527 Washington, Secretary, Mrs. C. B. Righter, 2308 Dudley, Treasurer, Mrs. Charles Barngrover, 1421 North Twenty-sixth.

PRESSMEN AND ASSISTANTS, No. 106—Meets third Wednesday evening, Carpenters' hall, President, J. H. Brooks, 728 North Eleventh, Recording Secretary, E. C. Warger, 1516 N. Financial Secretary, W. D. King, 2030 M.

WAGELABORER
WILL M. MAUPIN, EDITOR



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"Printers' Ink," the recognized authority on advertising, after a thorough investigation on this subject, says: "A labor paper is a far better advertising medium than an ordinary newspaper in comparison with circulation. A labor paper, for example, having 2,000 subscribers is of more value to the business man who advertises in it than an ordinary paper with 12,000 subscribers."

MR. GOMPERS IS NOT WORRYING.

The desperate efforts of the enemies of organized labor—and some of its pretended friends—to misrepresent Samuel Gompers, is not worrying the "old man" to any appreciable extent. Having been engaged in the labor game for more than a quarter of a century, Mr. Gompers no longer wastes time on the pismires who seek to annoy him.

The only effect these efforts to misrepresent may have will be to convince the earnest seekers after truth that there may be, after all, some reason why workmen should listen to the advice of a leader who has never yet misled them. Mr. Gompers is not doing these things on his own motion. He is merely carrying out a policy that was outlined and adopted by the executive council of the American Federation of Labor and endorsed by the rank and file. That policy was to go into politics, not as partisans but as wage-earners, and to stand by the candidates and the platforms that promised to give the best results to labor. It so happens that President Gompers, Secretary Morrison, Vice-President Duncan, Executive Committee member Mitchell and others decided that in the present campaign the democratic candidates held out the best promises of remedial legislation in the interests of the workers. That this decision was not influenced by partisan bias is evidenced by the fact that President Gompers, Secretary Morrison and Vice-President Duncan are republicans, and John Mitchell a democrat who prefers Roosevelt to any other man. Acting under orders these men announced that it was to labor's interest to support the Denver platform and ticket.

And now comes, Trey, Blanche and Sweetheart of the partisan press to begin charging that Gompers has agreed to "deliver the labor vote," and that he has "sold out" to democracy.

The wage-earner who is deceived by this sort of partisan demagoguery ought to have his head bored for the simples.

The editor of this humble little labor paper affiliates with the democratic party for the simple reason that under the primary law he must express a party preference in order to have a voice in the nomination of candidates. Just at present the democratic party comes nearest to voicing his political views. It was not always thus, and it may not so continue long. The editor's first vote was cast for James G. Blaine—and the memory of that act still continues to be a source of pride. Indeed, the editor's first born was named after the distinguished Maine statesman. He voted for Harrison in 1888, but bolted in 1892 because as a union printer he could not bring himself to vote for Whitelaw Reid. He voted for Bryan in 1896 and 1900, but in 1904 he bolted again and voted for Eugene Debs—and he is proud of that vote. In state, county and city elections he has voted for more republicans and socialists than he has democrats. This personal reference is made merely to show that it is not partisanship which impels the editor of The Wagerworker to support Mr. Bryan. The Wagerworker is supporting Bryan because it knows the man—better,

perhaps, than any other union man knows him. It has been this editor's good fortune to be in Mr. Bryan's employ for the past eight years. A better employer never had a payroll. In season and out of season Mr. Bryan has evidenced his belief in the principles of trades unionism, and has lived up to that belief like the honest and conscientious Christian gentleman that he is.

THE WAGELABORER IS NOT PINNING ITS FAITH SO MUCH ON THE DENVER PLATFORM AS IT IS ON THE DEMOCRATIC NOMINEE FOR THE PRESIDENCY—WILLIAM J. BRYAN.

Our faith in the democratic party has often been weak and wavering—our faith in William J. Bryan has never wavered nor grown less. We are supporting the man, not the party, and we support the man because we know him and can trust him to do what he believes to be the right thing to do.

The union man who can support Taft and the republican party in this crisis must pursue a devious course of logic, but we have the utmost respect for the union man who is doing it, provided he has reasoned the matter out and has not been blinded by prejudice or misled by partisan fervency. But the union man who denounces Samuel Gompers is not hurting the "old man" a little bit. He is merely belittling the cause of unionism and retarding the work which he is in duty bound to further.

Nothing is gained by denunciation. Let us reason together as befits intelligent union men who are honestly seeking the solution of the problems that confront us.

The republican organs that chided Mr. Bryan for talking into a phonograph are now engaged in proving that Mr. Taft seized a great opportunity when he followed Mr. Bryan's example. Your average partisan organ can throw more curves than a gartersnake.

Mr. Taft says union men have a right to "withdraw their support." The courts cite union men for contempt of court who violate a court order against withdrawing their support. What's the use of having a right if you are sent to jail for exercising it?

A child born without a brain lived for forty hours, according to a press dispatch from New York. Had it lived forty years it might have become manager of a union-busting organization or the founder of a breakfast food dope factory.

Mr. Taft is now a member of the Team Shovelers' Union. The honor should have been conferred upon Mr. Sheldon, treasurer of the republican national committee. He is the man who will make the trusts "dig up."

If organized labor gives Bryan a solid vote it will elect him. And once organized labor casts a solid vote it will be able to demand its rights and have the demand heeded by all political parties.

The average banker knows no more about economics than the average blacksmith does about geology. The banker can work in money and the blacksmith can work in iron—and that's all.

The gentlemen who are going to open their mills "after Taft's election" ought to tell us why they closed them before Roosevelt's term expired. Do they think they can fool us all the time?

The Wagerworker does not believe that the fate of the nation is dependent upon whether the Taft banner across O street stays up or comes down on "notification day."

VanCleave, Post, Party—these men are supporting Taft. Gompers, Morrison, Duncan, Mitchell—these men are supporting Bryan. Under which flag, Mr. Union Man?

Mr. Taft says unions have a right to accumulate strike benefit funds. But federal judges have enjoined us from paying strike benefits—so what's the use?

The St. Louis "Sunshine Club" overlooks the fact that thousands of wage-earners have to work in filthy tenement rooms that the sun never shines in.

Look here, Mr. Lincoln Union Man: If you don't like Lincoln, just quit your kicking and move out.

If the mills are closed now, who is responsible.

Get ready for Labor Day—and do it now!

"PHENOMS" FAIL TO STAND PACE
FEW OF RECRUITS TRIED OUT BY MAJOR LEAGUES LAST SPRING MADE GOOD.

GOOD YOUNGSTERS SCARCE

Time Has Shown That the Veteran Player is the Most Valuable Asset of a Ball Team—Heady Pitchers Are More in Demand To-Day Than Ever Before.

Where, oh, where have the phenomons flown to? During March and early April the two big leagues were crowded full of wonderful young ball players. The reliable old players were booked for the brush. "We must have fast men," was the cry of the fan. Time has shown the veteran to be the most valuable asset a ball club can control. Speed doesn't amount to much unless the player has all of the other essentials that go to make up the winning combination.

Looking over the two major leagues, one is actually surprised at the failure of the young recruits to make good. About the only ones showing good form are those who have been in the big leagues before and went back to the minors for more experience.

Tom O'Brien, the clever Cleveland scout, returned to Cleveland a few days ago after touring the country, and said that he saw less than six men whom he considered worth a trial. And this is true of all scouts. Gathering a small army of half-baked youngsters is a losing game, and will be cut out hereafter by most of the clubs; and this will prove a blessing for the smaller leagues, as it will help to keep salaries down to a point that clubs can live on the gate money.

There hasn't been a time in ten years when heady pitching told as it is telling to-day. The batsmen have found a way to meet the spit ball—in fact, they step in and cut off most of the breaks a ball can be made to take by a pitcher, with the exception of the out curve, and in this way they have put the box men on the defensive. The writer saw the first man strike out in a game at Boston recently between Philadelphia and Boston with McQuillen and Tom McCarthy pitching, and that closed the strike-out business for the day. As the score was close both men worked hard right through the game, but the ball was met and sent to the field, showing that the day for strike-outs was on the decline.

The splendid showing that Bill Donovan, Jack Powell, Cy Young and other clever box men are making this season simply goes to show that head work and command in the box are going to count, as it did in the days of Radbourne, Clarkson and other heady pitchers. The death knell of the player who broke into the game as a thrower of the spit ball has sounded, and ball clubs must look about for pitchers with command of a variety of curves and the head work to carry them through. There were several men of this stamp three years ago, but they lost faith in their ability to keep up with the moist ball pitcher, and taking up the new fad later were soon out of the running with lame arms. I wouldn't be surprised in the near future to see the spit ball legislated against and the box men forced to pitch a clean, dry ball. In time this would bring about a more interesting game, and the pitchers would be rated according to their real ability.

For the last two years the two major leagues have worked out no less than 500 pitchers, less than one-quarter of whom were first-class men, or, say, 100. Now, of that number how many will be remembered by the fans ten years hence?

Browns Have Experience.

If experience counts for anything in baseball, and it is generally conceded that it does, the St. Louis Browns have the advantage of every other team in the American league. When the average of number of years' experience the players have had in big league company is figured out it is found to be 6½ years, which is going some.

The number of years in the big leagues of the Browns follow: Bobby Wallace, 15 years; Jimmy Williams, 11; Jack O'Connor, 20; Hobe Ferris, 7; Tom Jones, 5; George Stone, 4; Danny Hoffman, 7; Roy Hartzell, 3; Charlie Jones, 6; Al Switzer, 1; Jack Powell, 11; Bill Dineen, 11; Barney Pelty, 5; Rube Waddell, 11; Harry Howell, 11; Graham, 1; Bailey, 2; Spencer, 3; Stephens, 2; Blue, 1; Joe Yeager, 12; Criss, 1. Average years' service in big leagues, 6½ years.

Giants Are Superstitious.

The Giants are superstitious. That is, their talk sounds like it. One day two weeks ago the flag pole on the polo grounds broke and the yellow pennant that the Giants won in the championship series three years ago came tumbling to the ground. This did not stop the game, and a moment later Arthur Devlin cracked out a home run. The Giants have been winning ever since and they believe that the omen is a good one and that another world's pennant is due to fly where the old one was.

A Change Helps.

Sometimes a change from one city to another does a ball player a world of good. Take Jimmy Williams. The latter did not like to leave New York, but he is given credit now for keeping the Browns up at the top of the race in the American league.

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205 North Ninth Street, LINCOLN, NEB.

An Open Letter

Lincoln, Nebr., August 5, 1908.

Lincoln Gas & Electric Light Co.,
Lincoln, Nebraska.

Gentlemen—A number of my friends have been surprised when I told them that I found gas much cheaper fuel than coal. They could hardly believe it, being victims of a prejudice that seems to be of as long standing as it is without foundation. Perhaps my own experience may be of service to them.

There are seven of us in my family. We use gas for fuel, for lights and heating the bathwater. During the month of June our gas bill was \$3.72 net. All the family cooking, washing and ironing is done at home, save only the shirts and collars of my husband and son. Our house is reasonably large and we burn more than the average amount of gas for lighting. I believe I am safe in saying that our average monthly gas bill is not to exceed \$4—and this is cheaper and safer and cleaner than coal and kerosene. In the matter of comfort and saving of work there is no comparison between gas and coal. Every housewife in town, and especially the wives of union men, should insist upon having a gas range. My husband insists on short hours and labor saving machinery in his work, and he cheerfully concedes to me the same benefits. I have found them in a gas range.

Mrs. _____

The above letter was written without solicitation by the wife of a Lincoln union man. It is worth your consideration.

Lincoln Gas and Electric Light Co.

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