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OUR TICKET TO DATE.
For President—**WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN** of Nebraska.
For Vice-President—**JOHN WORTH KERN** of Indiana.
For Representative, Lancaster—**WILLIAM C. NORTON** of Lincoln.

INTERESTING, BUT UNTRUE.
The Lead, S. D. Register, a socialist organ, reproduces one of The Wageworker's editorials on Taft and Taftism, and after giving its approval asks: "How much better is Bryan than Judge Taft?" The Register then proceeds to answer its own question by saying:

"Go ask Bill Haywood, Charley Moyer and the widow of George A. Pettibone. When the three Western Federation men were in need of a friend and an eloquent voice and a trenchant pen to keep them from being murdered by as villainous a crew as ever cut a throat or scuttled a ship, their friends implored Mr. Bryan to invoke his voice and pen against the consummation of the dastardly deed planned by the mine owners of Colorado and Idaho and their wicked allies, the Pinkerton thugs. But their supplications were vain, for Bryan had previously been silenced by the campaign funds contributed by the very mine owners who were trying to kill Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone."

All of which would be interesting if it were not so silly, and worthy of thoughtful consideration were it not as false as it is silly. It is quite true that Mr. Bryan did not froth at the mouth and talk about a "million men with rifles," like the Register's candidate for President did. It is equally true that Mr. Bryan did not indulge in frenzied ravings like some of the fool friends of the accused. But in a quiet and dignified way Mr. Bryan, by voice and pen, did demand that the accused should be given a fair trial, and he did roundly criticize President Roosevelt for his cruel and unjust "undesirable citizens" letter.

The editor of The Wageworker is in a position to know something about these facts, because he happens to be an associate editor of The Commoner and reasonably well acquainted with Mr. Bryan, his editorials and his speeches. The files of The Commoner, which lie upon The Wageworker desk as the editor writes, bear out the statement that Mr. Bryan editorially insisted upon a fair trial for the accused, did denounce the unfair advantage taken of them, and did represent President Roosevelt's attempt to pre-judge the case of the accused.

The charge that Mr. Bryan had previously been silenced by the campaign funds contributed by the very mine owners who were trying to kill Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone is such a palpable lie that it will receive no thoughtful consideration, even from advanced socialists.

The Black Hills Register is enjoying a silly season.

"BILLY" NORTON.

The union men of Lancaster county will have the opportunity of voting for only one union man this fall—William C. Norton, Democratic candidate for the legislature. There is not a union man on either state ticket. There is only one on the two county tickets—Norton. So far as The Wageworker knows there is only one other union

man in the state running for the legislature. John M. Tanner is a candidate for the senate from Douglas county, and he, too, is a Democrat.

The Wageworker hopes that both Norton and Tanner will be elected. Not because they are Democrats, for The Wageworker doesn't care a rap about their politics. Their unionism is enough. At this distance the election of "Doc" Tanner seems assured. So, also, should be the election of Norton.

Mr. Norton is the peer in intelligence of any candidate aspiring to a seat in the legislature. He is a level-headed, thoughtful man who has studied conditions and is acquainted with the needs of the people. He is not a lawyer anxious to enact complicated laws for the purpose of making litigation expensive. He is a mechanic who wants some radical wrongs remedied. He is a devoted unionist. He is the head of a family, a taxpayer and a toiler. He did not ask for the nomination, and he made no effort to secure it. If elected his acceptance of the office will mean a pecuniary sacrifice for him. But if the union men want him to act for them, and express that fact by electing him—as they can do if they will—he will accept and do his best. It is up to the union men to decide. If they want to be represented by one whose cause is their cause, whose ideas are their ideas, whose hopes and aspirations are their hopes and aspirations, they have the opportunity. If they prefer to be represented by professional politicians and lawyers whose only concern for the laboring man is their votes, they have plenty of candidates of that class to choose from.

The union man who runs this modest little union paper would rather be represented in the legislature by one union man like "Billy" Norton than to be represented by a dozen partisan Democrats or a dozen partisan Republicans. As a matter of fact, the union man who edits this modest little labor paper can not be represented anywhere by a partisan of any kind.

In view of past experiences The Wageworker sorrowfully confesses that it sees almighty little hope of Norton's election. There are enough union men in Lancaster county to give him a good majority, but there is a vast difference between union men and union voters. But the union votes that Norton gets will be the measure of the devotion Lancaster county union men have for the real principles of unionism.

THE TREACHERY OF DAN KEEFE.

The treachery of Dan Keefe need surprise no one, least of all the union men of the country. Indeed, it would seem that union men have become so accustomed to being sold out by their trusted leaders that they really like it.

Keefe entered heartily into the political plan of the American Federation of Labor. Only a week or two ago he signed his name to an executive committee report re-endorsing the "Gompers plan." That plan is too familiar to need explanation here. Then Keefe was invited to the White House. A few hours later he "saw a great light" and announced that he is for Taft. Coincident with his conversion is the report that he is to be made commissioner of labor by appointment of Theodore Roosevelt.

The desertion of Keefe is only another one of the long list. He is only one of a large number who have sold labor's birthright for a mess of political pottage. He will not be the last.

T. V. Powderly is now holding a federal job—and Powderly has lost interest in the welfare of the worker.

There are others who might be named, some living and some dead.

Keefe's treachery is not surprising. But what about the man who tempted him with a mess of political pottage? Speak up, Theodore Roosevelt!

Yes, it was a Democratic president that sent federal troops to Chicago. But it was at the request of men who are valiantly supporting Taft today, and over the protest of a Democrat who was not only a true friend of labor but also one of the greatest and best men this country ever had—John P. Altgeld.

Among the reforms attributed to the present Republican administration of Nebraska, but not enumerated by the State Journal, is the garnishee law. Did the Journal intentionally omit reference to that "reform"?

Judge Taft insists that he is not a devil who eats a union man for breakfast every morning. Of course not. Instead of being the eater these days Judge Taft is the eaten.

It remains to be seen whether the labor vote can be coerced, intimidated or purchased. They may purchase a few "leaders," but they can not purchase the rank and file.

President Corey of the steel trust is also for Taft. Corey, like Post, di-

voiced the wife who helped him achieve wealth in order to be in the charms of a younger female. We have grave doubts about Judge Taft being ready to appeal for the votes of men who have divorced faithful wives in order to marry blondined stenographers and calomined actresses.

Governor Hughes says, "Don't ask who the crooks are for—just watch who they are against." The publican who went up into the temple and thanked God that he was not as other men must have been running for governor on a Harriman-Morgan-Morton-Carnegie-Perkins-Gould "reform ticket."

Governor Comer of Alabama may not get what's coming to him in this world, but what he is deserving of in the next could be explained in one word of four letters.

When Charles Wifedeserter Post cries "look under," he does not mean for you to look too closely. You might see the record of the divorce courts.

One labor paper in Illinois has suddenly switched to Taft, after several months of support of Bryan. The consideration has not been stated.

UNION MADE STUFF

Ground Out in The Wageworker Office by a Card Man.

Who Paid the Bill?

New York, October 9.—The fact that Andrew Carnegie has contributed \$20,000 to the campaign fund of the Republican national committee was announced today by State Chairman Woodruff.—Associated Press Dispatch.

Twenty thousand dollars—that is but a little dab
Andrew Carnegie has given Mr. Taft.

Just the profit of an hour of his tariff grabbing power,
Just a sample of his lucious tariff graft.

Twenty thousand families go hungry for a day
To help the "Laird o' Skibo" work his will;

But amidst our toil and sweating there's no danger we're forgetting
That those who died at Homestead paid the bill.

Twenty thousand dollars—there's a red-brown, dirty stain
On the money that can never be erased.

'Tis the blood of honest toilers shed by greedy trust despotters
Who at vantage points their Pinkertons had placed.

Just the profits of oppression wrought by those who had possession
Of the power held by kings to save or kill;

But the third day of November let the toilers well remember
That those who died at Homestead paid the bill.

The martyred dead at Homestead—green the grass above their graves—
Green the memory of how the martyrs died

And again we see the battle; hear the rifles' crashing rattle,
See the blood of workers flow in crimson tide.

Aye, upon that contribution is the stain of destitution—
Hungry children, hopeless widows wan and ill—

Woe and want the worker pinching—gold the tariff baron clinching—
And those who died at Homestead paid the bill.

—WILL M. MAUPIN.

Different.

"Call the jury for the next case," said the judge.

"May it please the court," said the prosecuting attorney, "the prisoner at bar is not entitled to a jury. He—"

"Why, even the oneriest chicken thief is entitled to a trial by jury," exclaimed the judge. "It is the inalienable right of every man charged with—"

"But this is the union man charged with having violated your order not to approach a strikebreaker with intent to influence him."

"What? Prisoner, stand up! You have committed a crime which is so much worse than murder, rape, incest, arson, infanticide, homicide, patricide, matricide of fratricide that you have forfeited all right to a trial by jury. Solitary confinement for six months. Call the next case!"

Cheerful Task.

"Hello Sexton! What are you doing?"

"Digging a Post hole."

"Looks like a grave."

"Yes; going to bury a victim of grape nuts and postum"

Several so-called labor papers who are opposing Bryan on the ground that Democratic Georgia has a vicious contract labor lease system should take note of the fact that Democratic Georgia has reformed, while Republican Nebraska still leases her convicts to private individuals.

General Otis of Los Angeles, the famous friend of organized labor, is Mr. Taft's chief supporter in California, and one of the Republican candidates for presidential elector. The man General Otis supports certainly deserves the support of every union printer. Like hell!

If "Billy" Norton is elected to the legislature—and he should be—there will be one man on the spot to see that the child labor law is not emasculated. He will be right there, too, to see to it that the infamous garnishee law is repealed.

Organized labor only asks that a union man be allowed to do as a union man what he is legally entitled to do as a citizen.

Mr. Taft says he merely executed the law as he found it. Well? And

he objects to changing the law that he found.

For Taft—Post, Parry, Van Cleave, Otis. For Bryan—Gompers, Mitchell, Morrison, Wilson. Choose now, Mr. Union Man!

Mr. Post has broken loose again. We commend his utterances to every union man who is thinking of voting for Taft.

THEY CALL US A TRUST. THE TRUST IS SO FORMED THAT YOU CAN'T BREAK INTO IT WITH AN AXE. WITH THE LABOR ORGANIZATION IT FINDS NONE TOO LOWLY IN ITS RANKS, AND WE WELCOME TO OUR ORDER MEN OF EVERY TRADE, OF EVERY RACE AND CLIME. TRADE UNIONS STRIVE FOR MORE OF THE PRODUCTS OF THEIR LABOR—MORE, MORE, MORE, AND WHEN THEY HAVE ACHIEVED THAT THEY WILL STILL SEEK MORE.—SAMUEL GOMPERS.

THE CHINESE QUESTION.

Mr. Bryan says, "Keep the Chinese Out." Mr. Taft says, "Is it not the duty of members of congress and of the executive to disregard the unrea-

sonable demand of a part of the community deeply prejudiced upon this subject in the far west, and insist upon extending justice and courtesy to a people from whom we are deriving and are likely to derive such immense benefit in the way of international trade." In other words Taft says let the Chinese in.—Duluth Labor World.

WHO ARE PROSPERING?

Times are improving; no doubt about that. Witness the increased opportunities for "prominent (and also expelled) labor leaders" in the industry of "denouncing Gompers" bargain to deliver the labor vote." Be it noted, further, that the pay, whatever it is, is a good deal more than the work is worth.—Clothing Trades Bulletin.

GARMAN A "LABOR EDITOR."

Harvey E. Garman is now editor of the Denver Independent, a nice neat, seven-column, four-page weekly. Garman has, in our presence, sworn by the "Garden of the Gods" that he would never, never, never edit a labor paper, but there he is rooting like a loyal fan for Gompers and Bryan. Garman will get out a good labor paper in Denver, but will he eat?—Western Laborer.

Which Store

---There are several stores in Lincoln---which store is your store?---which store sells the best clothing?---which store sells the most clothing?---which store gives the best satisfaction?---which store offers the greatest values?

Armstrong's

sells the famous Henry J. Brock union-made clothing---this answers the question of "best"---an because this store sells the best it sell the most---and because it sells the most it is in a position to offer the greatest values---so all the questions are answered with the one word

Armstrong's



The perfection of the clothing we sell speaks for itself---and we, in turn, have the enthusiastic patronage of the best dressed men in Lincoln.

Fall Suits and Overcoats \$10 to \$40

We call special attention to the Fall Suits priced at

\$25

The best Suit values ever offered here at this price.

Armstrong CLOTHING COMPANY

GOOD CLOTHES MERCHANTS