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Entered as second-class matter April 21, 1904, at the postoffice at Lincoln, Neb., under the Act of Congress of March 3rd, 1879.

"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."

NOW LET'S ALL GET BUSY.

The election is over. The victors have had their laugh and the vanquished have eaten their humble pie. What's the use of keeping it up? Why not let the government take care of itself for a time while we of Lincoln get busy and build that Labor Temple? There is absolutely no reason for further delay in pushing the project. Times are bound to be prosperous—or we've been outrageously lied to. Money will be "easy" or we have been woefully deceived. Everybody will have work, or the Ananias club is the largest organization in the world's history. We who have been kicked out of our political boots ought to take hold in order to have something to make us forget our misery. Those who have won ought to take hold because it will give them a chance to let off some of their surplus enthusiasm.

The nucleus of the Labor Temple fund is in bank. The organization is still in existence. The preliminary work has been done. All that is needed is a little push, a little optimism, a little hustle. The Wageworker suggests that President Dickson of the association call the directors together and get things started again.

THE COMMISSION PLAN.

The voters of Lincoln have expressed a preference for the commission plan of city government. They should now proceed to devise a plan of their own, made up of the best features of the commission plans in vogue in other cities. There should be no undue haste about the matter. But earnest consideration of the matter should be undertaken at once.

There are some features that should be insisted upon—the initiative and referendum and the recall. Absolute responsibility should be fixed upon one man in each of the several departments by the elimination of all partisan designations. The salaries of the commissioners should be adequate to command the disinterested service of the best men available.

Lincoln, which is already the best residence city in America, ought to become the best governed municipality in America. Already the best advertised city in America, it ought to live up to its advertisements by becoming a model for other municipal governments to pattern after. We have the brains—all that is needed is to draft them into service.

GLORY BE!

Out of the wreck of matter and the crush of worlds—politically speaking—there is one gleam of sunshine. "Doc" Tanner of Douglas county has been elected to the legislature, and "Doc" is a union man. We might have had more, but thank the Lord for even such an one as "Doc" Tanner.

And Frank Ransom, the father of Labor Day, is another one from Douglas. It was Ransom who introduced the bill setting aside the first Monday in September as a legal holiday in Nebraska to be known as "Labor Day." He is also the father of the street car vestibule.

John E. Miller of Lancaster, who has never had any legislative experience, and who belongs to no union, is another man elected who is all right. He practices without preaching

what a lot of union men preach without practicing. He will be a friend to the workingmen as long as they do not ask him for something that they ought not in justice have.

There are three things that the workingmen of this state want—the strengthening of the child labor law, the repeal of the garnishee law and the broadening of the scope of the employers' liability law. And if they will get busy now and concentrate their forces they can secure all three of these things—and then some. But it will be foolish to wait until the legislature convenes before getting busy.

Three daily papers in Lancaster county and Lincoln fought Bryan. The Wageworker one other little weekly paper supported him. The Wageworker and its esteemed contemporary, the Herald, will pause for a few moments to receive the congratulations of admiring friends.

Well, there is one good thing about the result. It is no longer possible for some pinheaded politician to sneeringly say: "Huh, Bryan can't carry his own precinct, city or county!" For this relief, thanks.

The editor of The Wageworker resigns his chances for the government printership in favor of the editor of the Washington Trades Unionist. Ain't we the self-sacrificing cuss?

For president in 1912, Charles W. Post; for vice president, Giggler Brindle Otis. Platform: To h— with the man who works. It will be a cinch.

The Buffalo Republic made a gallant fight, but it lost Erie county. The Wageworker done the best it could, and Bryan carried Lancaster county.

Schneectady, N. Y., which should have given Bryan 5,000 majority, went that many against him. Reason: The organized labor vote is a myth.

VanCleave said the organized labor vote was a political myth. Now if VanCleave was only as good a union man as he is a political prophet.

Colonel Victor Rosewater will not be able to point to Nebraska's electoral vote as a reason why he should not be given a cabinet job.

While Mr. Pollard was swelling around in outside districts Johnny McGuire was digging a few holes in the Pollard entrenchments.

Well, it would be hard to find a consulship in a land as healthy as Nebraska, so what's the use of repining?

Now if "Billy" Norton had only pulled through the victory in Nebraska would have been complete.

Mark the prediction: Either Dan Keefe or Jim Lynch will be the next commissioner of immigration.

A little Nebraska celery with that national crow will help a whole lot to make the dish palatable.

Mr. Taft, there are a million of empty dinner palls waiting for you to get busy and fill them.

Here's hoping that about 200,000 union men in New York will get just what they voted for.

The Lincoln News talks about "fluid capital" being afraid of Bryan. It had every reason to be.

Why, O why can't we elect a United States senator in Nebraska at the next session?

Maybe there's one more fight left in us—but we'd rather not risk it right now.

We used to be proud of having been born in Missouri—with the accent on the "used."

After all, what a contemptible figure was that cut by the once mighty Hearst.

Gosh, how the wheels of industry ought to begin humming next Monday.

Ernest M. Pollard is doubtless convinced that it is somebody's business.

The Wageworker's political parachute failed to open this time.

We have met the enemy and we are his'n—but not Hisgen's.

Nebraska to Oklahoma: "Here's how!"
Please pass the postum.
Gee, what a bump!

THE PRINTERS.

Lincoln Typographical union broke a record last Sunday. It met, transacted its business and adjourned inside of ninety minutes. For the first time in many months no new members were admitted.

Just now there is not much doing in union printer circles save work. An important matter that will demand consideration early next year is being considered by the proper committee, and another committee is revising and codifying the constitution and bylaws. Until these committees get ready for business there will be no excitement.

The editor of The Wageworker had the pleasure of taking lunch with Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Smith in Oklahoma last City Friday week. Smith is publishing a list of suburban papers and

editing the telegraph department of the Oklahoma City branch of the Western Newspaper Union.

The Wageworker knows of a busy little Oklahoma town where a democratic printer with a little ready money can get into the newspaper game with every prospect of making a winning.

Notice of Adoption.

In re adoption No. 256 of James Vernon in the County Court of Lancaster County, Nebraska.

The State of Nebraska, To all persons interested take notice that Edwin Hall and Lulu Hall, husband and wife, have filed their petition and relinquishment of the State of Nebraska, by the superintendent of the Home of the Friendless, its custodian, for the adoption of James Vernon, a minor male child, with bestowal of property rights and change of name to Edwin Carter Hall, which has been

set for hearing before this court on December 25th, 1908, at 9 o'clock a. m., when you may appear, object to and contest the same.

Dated October 8, 1908.
P. JAS. COSGRAVE,
County Judge.
(Seal)
By Walter A. Leese, Clerk.

Notice of Final Report.

Estate No. 2309 of Andrew Sundean, deceased, in County Court of Lancaster County, Nebraska.

The State of Nebraska, To all persons interested in said estate, take notice, that the administrator has filed a final account and report of his administration, and a petition for final settlement and discharge as such, which have been set for hearing before said court on November 10, 1908, at 9 o'clock a. m., when you may appear and contest the same.

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