

GREAT BARGAINS IN MEN'S WINTER SUITS

We have bought the entire surplus stock of Men's Suits of Hirschberg Co. of New York. These Suits were made to sell for \$16.50, \$18.00, \$20.00 and \$22.50. By taking the whole lot we got them at a price that enables us to give you

YOUR CHOICE OF THESE HIGH GRADE SUITS FOR \$12.85

We feel entirely confident in saying that these are the very best Clothing values that will be offered you this winter. Some of these very patterns are in some of the other stores priced as high as \$25.00. We haven't cut the price. We simply bought this surplus stock for so much less than we would have had to pay 3 months ago that we can afford to sell them for a uniform price of \$12.85 a Suit. We give you the benefit of our lucky purchase. COME IN RIGHT AWAY WHILE THE RANGE OF SIZES AND PATTERNS IS COMPLETE.

See the Window Display **Speier & Simon** WE SAVE YOU MONEY N. E. Cr. 10 & O St.

PAINTERS ENJOY THEMSELVES.

Hold One of Their Pleasant "Ranakaboo" Receptions and Smokers.

The union painters and decorators of Lincoln gathered at Bruse's hall on the evening of Wednesday, December 23, and enjoyed their annual "ranakaboo." They were assisted by several of the "boss" painters who accepted their hospitality, and by a few other invited friends, among whom the editor of The Wageworker is proud to be numbered. Several short and interesting talks were made, but the chief interest of the evening centered around the refreshment tables. These tables were loaded down with all the delicacies of the season, and the painters and decorators were right there with appetites unimpaired. After the feast union-made cigars, made right here in Lincoln, were passed around, and then the real "session" began. For a couple of hours mirth and jollity reigned supreme. Once a year the union painters and

decorators get together in a session from which business is barred, and enjoy themselves like the good fellows they are, and he who is privileged to be their guest has a right to congratulate himself. The good fellowship that is cultivated at these "ranakaboo" is worth a thousand times what it costs to hold them, and there ought to be more of them among the unions all over the country. Here's hoping the union painters and decorators of Lincoln will enjoy a happy and prosperous new year, and may we all of us be present at the "ranakaboo" of 1909.

AD CLUB DINNER.

Advertising Men of Lincoln Will Have a New Year Feast.

The Lincoln Ad Club, made up of live ones who buy, sell or write advertising, will hold its first annual "Social Night" at the Lincoln hotel next Tuesday evening, beginning the affair with a fine dinner and winding

up with a program that seems to be the real thing. William J. Bryan, honorary president of the club, will officiate as toastmaster. The speakers will be H. T. Folsom, Miss Addie Tucker, R. J. Sknkey of Omaha, Ed. A. Higgins of Omaha, and Will M. Maupin. Several musical numbers will be on the bill. This is the club's first social night, and wives and sweethearts will be in evidence.

THE BARTENDERS.

Now Boast of a "One Hundred Per Cent Union" in Lincoln.

The Bartenders' Union of Lincoln is rejoicing over the fact that every bar in the city is now displaying a union bar card. This is something that has not happened for many months. But recently the Lincoln hotel bar came into line and received a card, and that rounded up the whole of them.

The work of the general organizers of the Hotel and Restaurant Em-

ployes' International Alliance and Bartenders International League of America, which they took up in Chicago three months ago, has resulted in four new branches of that organization being formed in Chicago. Two more will soon be in existence. Over 1200 new members have been initiated.

During the year just closed the local union suffered a loss in membership, owing to the decreased number of licenses issued. Several of the members secured work elsewhere at their trade, and others took up a new line of business. But save in point of membership the union has prospered during the year, and begins 1909 in better shape financially and in point of thorough working organization, than ever before.

MRS. M'KNIGHT IS FREE.

Secures Divorce From Husband Who Long Since Deserted Her.

Last Tuesday Mrs. M. E. McKnight secured a divorce from her husband

the grounds being desertion. She was given the custody of the seven minor children, one of whom has been blind from birth. She alleged that her husband became infatuated with another woman and wandered away in her company.

McKnight was formerly president and business manager of the Teamsters' Union in this city, and members of that now defunct organization assert that it was McKnight's fault that the union became defunct. He mismanaged the finances, to put it mildly, and things finally became so involved that the charter was surrendered. At one time the union gave McKnight \$25 to pay The Wageworker on subscription, and McKnight showed up a week later with a story of having been "touched" for the amount. At any rate The Wageworker never saw it. Later McKnight was put on the police force, but he did not last long.

Mrs. McKnight set forth in her petition that she had been married for twenty-five years.

CAPITAL AUXILIARY.

Capital Auxiliary, No. 11, will meet with Mrs. E. A. King, 2135 South Tenth street, Wednesday, January 13, at 2:30 p. m. Installation of officers.

TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION.

First Meeting of the New Year Due Sunday, January 3.

The first meeting of Lincoln Typographical Union No. 209 in the year 1909 will be held Sunday (tomorrow) afternoon at Fraternity hall, and because of its being the new year's initial meeting, and also because there are some things of vital importance to be considered, the meeting will doubtless be a record-breaker in point of attendance.

There are several important committees due to make report, and there is a lot of business "on the hook" to take care of. Some plans for the ensuing year will come up for discussion. Mrs. F. M. Coffey has been in Lincoln for a couple of weeks, making glad the heart of her husband. Mrs. Coffey will return shortly to the Coffey ranch in Oklahoma.

Ben Coblenz collided with something or other a week or two ago and thereby contracted a severe bruise on his leg. As a result of the bruise blood poisoning was threatened and Benjamin wore a worried look. The injury is now healing.

President Ingraham, who has been off duty for the past month for the purpose of attending to private business, is expected to resume his duties in the Star ad alley next week.

A new job shop has been started in town, Shafe Kautzman being the proprietor. It is not yet inside the fold.

NEW JOB FOR WIGGENJOST.

Old Time Engineer Will Get a Boost With the New Year.

The county commissioners have decided to establish the position of custodian of the county court house and put H. Wiggenjost therein. And if ever a public building needed someone to have full charge of it, that building is the Lancaster county court house. The old system of having a half-dozen janitors, each one a law unto himself, hasn't panned out well. When Mr. Wiggenjost takes charge he will see to it that the building is always in shape to pass a sanitary examination.

Henry Wiggenjost has been at the court house ever since the first stone in the foundation was laid. It happened that the court house was begun shortly after the big Burlington strike, and Wiggenjost was one of

the engineers who stepped down from the footboard when the signal was given. And he has never gone back. Soon after the strike work was begun on the court house and Wiggenjost got the job of running the donkey engine that operated the hoist. When the building was completed he was installed as manager of the heating apparatus and given the custody of the grounds. He has been on the job ever since. Now he is going to get a promotion with an increase in wages. It has been nearly twenty years since he ran a locomotive, but Wiggenjost has remained an active member of the Brotherhood, and has been an official of the local division for nearly a quarter of a century.

THE PRESSMEN.

Will Get Reduction in Assessment as New Year's Gift.

The union pressmen of Lincoln will start off the new year with a gift in the shape of a reduced strike assessment. This will be hailed with joy by the boys, not only on account of the saving but on account of its being notice that the long battle for the eight-hour day is practically won. Only five big cities remain outside and President Berry says the battle will be continued there until victory is won. Beginning with January the strike assessment will be reduced one half.

Since the battle opened the pressmen have raised and expended the enormous sum of \$900,000 in financing the struggle. It has been a bitter fight, but the courage and determination of the men never wavered. It cost money, but it made the union stronger by reason of making every member realize fully that he had something at stake.

The local union has come through the year in good shape. It was one of the first to secure the eight-hour day, and without any contest whatever. Beginning with the new year the local will strive to tighten up some loose places.

THE BRICKLAYERS.

Some Items of Interest to Knights of Trowel and Level.

The strike of the bricklayers of Louisville, which had been on since March 1, 1907, has been settled. The 200 skilled men comprising the organization are now working in harmony with the various contracting firms with whom they have been out during that time. A number of cases persons engaged in building stipulated that only union men should be employed, and this resulted in most of these who remained having steady employment. During the strike about 100 members left the city, but most of those will return. The fixed scale of 65 cents per hour for an eight-hour day will be maintained and only union men employed.

Bricklayers are hereby notified to stay away from Berwick, Pa., open shop fight; Williamsport, Pa., union men are locked out.

Stay away from Seattle, Wash., is the advice given to union bricklayers. Trouble on, and more men on hand than can find work.

Among the many questions settled at the Denver convention of the Building Trades was the affiliation of the Bricklayers. This organization will probably affiliate in the near future.

The bricklayers of Boston have been enjoined from collecting fines from members of the union who have been fined for violation of union rules. State conferences of bricklayers have recently been held in the states of Colorado, Ohio, Indiana and Michigan.

SAME TO YOU, MARQUIS!

For the 'steenth time the editor of The Wageworker is in receipt of a postal card from Easton, Pa., bearing the handsome phiz of Marquis de LaFayette Shrope, editor of the Easton Journal, and the season's greetings. It is always a pleasure to gaze upon the countenance of the Marquis, either in the flesh or by portrait. And here's hoping that Shrope and his lively little union paper will enjoy a happy and prosperous new year.

UNION VOTES DID IT.

Complete returns from the eleven counties of the Eighth congressional district of Iowa shows that William P. Hepburn, who has served in congress for the last twenty years or more, was defeated for re-election by 429 votes. It will be remembered that Hepburn opposed the telegraphers' nine-hour law in congress.—Nashville Trades Advocate.

ONE ON POST.

Fort Worth, Texas, trade unionists are laughing at the trick turned on Grape Nuts Post in that city. It appears that the Battle Creek "open-shopper" loaned a large sum of money to Texas parties for building purposes, and the trades unionists got busy and secured a union clause in the contract.

Annual Pre-Inventory Discount Sale of Furniture

We will discount at this time drop patterns and broken sets, samples slightly shop worn and a new lot of goods just purchased from a manufacturer at tremendous reductions.

All goods are marked in plain figures so you can see the regular prices, and the discounts. This is a great opportunity to furnish your home, or brighten it with a few new pieces at a big saving to you.

BELOW WE LIST A FEW OF OUR MANY BARGAINS:

50 Per Cent Off

\$120 Mahogany Parlor Suite	\$60.00
at	
\$20 Mahogany Parlor Rocker	\$10.00
at	
\$6 Mahogany Parlor Chairs	\$3.00
at	
\$6 Mahogany Pedestal	\$3.00
at	
\$85 Pair Brass Twin Beds	\$42.50
at	
\$14 Mahogany Parlor Table	\$7.50
at	
\$12 Sewing Table	\$6.00
at	

25 Per Cent Off

\$10 Bird's Eye Maple Desk	\$7.50
at	
\$60 Oak Hall Tree	\$45.00
at	
\$20 Mahogany Chair	\$15.00
at	
Arm Rockers	\$1.25

33 1-3 Per Cent Off

\$12 Bird's Eye Maple House Desk	\$8.00
at	
\$16 Bird's Eye Maple House Desk	\$10.65
at	
\$18 Mahogany Chair	\$12.00
at	
\$75 Mahogany Dressing Table	\$50.00
at	
\$20 8 foot Oak Table	\$13.50
at	
\$15 6 Foot E. E. Table	\$10.00
at	

20 Per Cent Off

\$75 Oak Leather Davenport	\$60.00
at	
\$60 Mahogany Divan	\$48.00
at	
\$2.25 Oak Top Arm Rocker	\$1.80
at	
\$50 Set Dining Chairs	\$40.00
at	
\$40 Golden Oak Buffet	\$32.00
at	

are also making a discount on drop patterns of rugs, all sizes, carpets and draperies. A line of oakhearted at 20 per cent off. All we ask is an opportunity to show you goods and quote prices, and we will get

A. D. Benway Co.

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