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Among the Live Workers Here, There and Elsewhere

The twenty-sixth annual ball of Lincoln Typographical Union No. 299 was held at Fraternity hall last Wednesday evening, and it was fully up to the promise of the committee in charge that it would be the best ball ever given under the auspices of the union. In point of numbers, in point of sociability and in point of financial returns it was the kingpin of all Typographical Union balls in the history of the trade in Lincoln.

The arriving guests were met at the door by a large reception committee and adorned with neat badges and escorted to seats. In the hall refreshment tables were spread and presided over by charming young women who served the punch to the happy dancers, and in the small hall tables were placed for the convenience of those who did not dance but who do enjoy a game of cards. These tables were well filled during the entire evening.

Promptly at 9 o'clock Quick's orchestra struck up the grand march and the festivities were on in full force. Governor and Mrs. Shallenberger, Mr. John Furse, secretary to the governor, and Mrs. Furse, Auditor and Mrs. S. A. Barton, and Mr. and Mrs. Bustard led the march, and 100 couples joined with them. There were about 140 couples in attendance, and during the fore part of the evening the floor was rather uncomfortably crowded. But everybody was good-natured and entered fully into the spirit of the evening.

There were twenty-four numbers on the dance program, and these, with a few extras, kept the music going until 2 o'clock in the morning. As usual there was a noticeable lack of printers in attendance, but even at that the number present was greater than the average of the last six or eight years. The members of the legislature did not respond numerously to their invitations, but one of the grave and reverend senators was present and enjoyed himself to the utmost.

Notes.

Mr. Herbert Armstead of Lane, Neb., and Miss Hazel Armstead of North Bend, were present. While in Lincoln they were the guests of their sister, Mrs. W. M. Maupin.

John Furse fraternized with the printer men right away. This was because he was one of 'em for years, and he says he had so much fun he is going to get back into the union again.

Auditor Barton cheerfully admitted that as a dancer he was not the most graceful on the floor, but he insists that he had enough fun to more than make up.

Chairman Thompson was the busiest man in town, looking after the comfort and entertainment of the distinguished guests.

The Wagworker acknowledges the many courtesies received at the hands of the committee in charge of the twenty-sixth annual function.

It might be a good idea for the management of Fraternity hall to give a little attention to the dancing floor. It is a little inconvenient to stop the dancing two or three times during the evening in order to wipe up the dust and dirt.

The Barbers' ball and the Engineers' ball were duly announced from the floor.

Vice-President Peate was the only officer of the union who was present.

One feature of the ball to be given at the Auditorium next Monday evening by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers is that the proceeds will be used in defraying the expenses of the big Brotherhood meeting to be held in Lincoln next June. At this meeting visiting engineers from all over the country will be present to talk about the "good of the order," and the grand chiefs will be present to give counsel and advice. The Auxiliary to the Brotherhood will play an active part in the big June meeting, and the head officials of the organization will be present. The present indications are that the meeting will be one of the largest ever held by the Brotherhood, outside of the grand lodge meetings. The local committees are going to spare no effort to

make it something worthy of Lincoln and of Division No. 98.

A feature of the ball Monday will be giving of a gold watch and chain to some lady present. The lady will get the watch by reason of holding a ticket that bears the winning number. Every lady who checks her wraps will be given a numbered ticket, and the watch will be a gift to some one of them. This is not a lottery. The engineers are meeting with gratifying success in their canvass for the sale of tickets, and there is every indication that the ball Monday evening will be one of the largest ever held in Lincoln. The tickets are \$1. The public is cordially invited.

The Journeymen Barbers are hustling to make their union's first annual ball a great success, and no one who knows the barbers' hustling qualities has any doubts about the result.

way, and does away with nauseating and poisonous drugs. It is a system of treatment universally accepted and while not a panacea for all ills, is very successful in overcoming a great many diseased conditions.

An exponent of this mode of treatment is Dr. Edgar M. Cramb, located in rooms 1, 2 and 3, Burlington block, 13th and O streets. Dr. Cramb is a leader in his profession. He is a Nebraska product, educated in the public schools of this state and a graduate of the University with the degree of A. B. He received his Osteopathic education at Kirksville, Mo., under Dr. A. T. Still, the founder of the new science.

After five years of successful practice at Tecumseh, Neb., he located in this city where he has practiced his profession now for three years. His patients are among the leading people who realize the benefit that result from scientific treatment by this method.

As a member of the Commercial club, an alumnus of the State University, and a leader of his profession, Dr. Cramb is one of the active young men who is a booster for the advancement and progress of Lincoln.

expect to be in this territory for several months to come. We have a lot of work to do in Omaha and South Omaha, and as soon as we get that done, or well under way, I am coming down here and do what I can with your assistance.

While here Mr. Flood heard and met W. J. Bryan for the first time, and he was rejoiced at the opportunity.

GRANGER BROS. COMPANY.

Lincoln's future is foreshadowed in a present prosperity which is based upon the thoroughly tried principles of progress. There are departments of business which by their stability and steadiness of growth indicate the value of the city's claim to its place among the leading cities of this section, and one we wish to call attention to is that of the Granger Bros. Company, one of the best known concerns in Lincoln. This company are wholesale grocers and manufacturers which is heavily stocked at all times with the products of the best manufacturers. This business was established in 1887, and has continued to grow with the city, and like the city has progressed in every way. This

Street Railway Companies Have Been Amalgamated

company branched out into sections of the city that had long cried in vain for facilities. By its enterprise and liberality it forced the old company to sit up and take notice of the people's rights. Now the merged lines are in practical control of the men who made the Citizens' company successful, and this means a great deal to the future of Lincoln.

Universal transfers, and other advantages, have already resulted. The first thing done by the merged lines' management was to extend the conveniences offered to the public. The following facts about the new management will be of interest:

Name—The Lincoln Traction Co.
Place of business—Lincoln.
President—John W. McDonald.
Manager—J. H. Humpe.
Directors—W. E. Sharp, C. T. Boggs, M. W. Woods, C. S. Allen, J. W. McDougald, Paul F. Clark, Thomas Auld,

the Citizens' company and made it a success were impelled to do so because the old company was not giving the people consideration. The new

It took large faith in the future of Lincoln for the backers of the Citizens company to put up their thousands and enter into competition with the old and arrogant Traction company. These men had it, and it has been demonstrated that their faith was well founded. The consolidated lines are owned by Lincoln men and officered by Lincoln men. These men have the best interests of the city at heart. They know that whatever benefits the city as a whole will be financially beneficial to the street railway company.

Now let us have an end to insurrection and innuendo. Lincoln has at last achieved one ambition—decent and adequate street railway facilities. The men who have made this possible are entitled to the largest possible returns upon their investment.

FEELING THE RESULTS.

Union Glove Factory Already Puts on Additional Glovemakers.

The Deputy-Spangler Co. is already feeling the beneficial effects of getting into the union field. The increased demand for the "Hardy" glove since the factory was unionized has forced the Deputy-Spangler Co. to put on more help, and union glove workers from Chicago have been put to work. A week after The Wagworker announced that the factory was unionized a big gent's furnishing goods concern in Omaha sent in a big order for gloves, stating that they wanted to handle a union made glove, and preferred a Nebraska-made product. Local merchants are recognizing the effects, and in answer to demands for the "Hardy" work glove are increasing their orders.

This concern is the only union glove making concern in Nebraska, and this fact, together with the fact that the product is superior, entitles it to the hearty patronage and support of union men and women. While work gloves are all in the glove line that the Deputy-Spangler Co. now puts on the market, the prospects are that it will add dress gloves in due time. But just now the business in the work glove line is growing so rapidly that the firm has all it can well attend to.

A MAGNIFICENT GROWTH.

Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph Co. Increasing Rapidly.

The growth of the Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph Co., has been little short of phenomenal. It is operating the automatic exchange in Lincoln and long distance lines all over the state of Nebraska, and has numerous connections with other exchanges in this and other states. It is officered by Lincoln men who are interested in the growth of Lincoln, and who are friendly to organized labor. It might incidentally be mentioned that the automatic phone is itself made by union men, and the men who install them in Lincoln and elsewhere in this state are union men. Because of the activity and enterprise of this company this city now has a splendid telephone service.

Lincoln men and Lincoln capital make the company, and the men are among those who have contributed largely to the development of Lincoln. It is a pleasure to recommend this company to the people of Lincoln and of Nebraska.

"TONY" IN TOWN.

A. J. Donahoe of Omaha, better known as "Tony," and one of the live unionists of the big burg on the Big Muddy, called at The Wagworker office last Wednesday. Mr. Donahoe is a member of the legislative board of the Order of Railway Conductors, and was in Lincoln for the purpose of looking after the interests of his order.

CAPITAL AUXILIARY.

Capital Auxiliary will meet with Mrs. G. M. Wathan, 1744 Garfield, Wednesday afternoon.

Eat at Elam's.

THE WAGWORKER'S FIFTH HOME PATRONAGE EDITION

In presenting its Fifth Annual Home Patronage Edition The Wagworker bespeaks for the firms represented herein the hearty support of the wage earners of this community. It is not pretended that all of the friendly firms are herein listed, for a number of known friends were not solicited on account of lack of time, and others were not written up because every week their invitations to organized labor are presented in these columns and their friendship for the workers manifested on every possible occasion.

During the five years that The Wagworker has been in existence Lincoln has made wonderful strides in industrial development. New industries are springing up daily, and the old established industries are branching out, adding to their volume of business and increasing their pay rolls. It should be known and fully realized of all men that Lincoln is one of the best capital cities in the United States. There are not a half-dozen capital cities that excel it in point of industrial establishments or in volume of business. Not one excels it as a city of comfortable homes, prosperous business men, well employed labor and industrial opportunities. With upwards of sixty thousand people within its corporate limits, Lincoln is a city without the extremes of poverty and arrogant wealth. It has no slums, no "sweat shops," no noisome tenements. No city of equal size excels it in the number of wage earners who own their own homes. No city offers superior advantages in the way of educational and church facilities to the man who wants to bring his children up in favorable environment. In no city is there a more cordial bond of sympathy between employers and employees; no city of equal size with fewer industrial disputes. While lacking a great deal of the ideal, Lincoln more nearly approaches that point than any other city of its size in the Union. These are facts capable of demonstration to any unprejudiced observer of conditions.

The pioneers who laid out the city of Lincoln little dreamed of what the future held in store for it. Had they been told that at some time within a hundred years Lincoln would have 25,000 people they would have disputed the statement. Had they been told

that within a hundred years Lincoln would be a manufacturing and wholesale center, and not wholly a state capital, they would have laughed with scorn. And even with all its magnificent industrial and business growth, the words of Holy Writ apply: "It doth not yet appear what we shall be."

The year that has passed since The Wagworker's last "Home Patronage Edition" has been unmarred by any industrial disputes in Lincoln. During that time two new unions have received charters and the older established unions have increased in numerical and financial strength. If possible a more friendly feeling exists between employers and employees, and the general public is better informed than ever as to the objects and aims of trades unionism. In this educational work The Wagworker believes it has played some part.

One pleasing feature of the work of organization is that of the social development. Auxiliaries made up of the wives, mothers and daughters of the trades unionists are doing much to create a better social condition, to enhance the label movement and to stimulate interest in the grand work that organized labor is seeking to do. There are several such auxiliaries now established in Lincoln, and their force for industrial betterment is felt on every hand. There is yet room for more such organizations, and the need for them grows greater each day.

The Wagworker is proud of Lincoln. It is proud of Lincoln's industrial army, and Lincoln's recognition of the toilers. The Wagworker is proud of the spirit of genuine democracy that pervades the community—a democracy that recognizes true worth and measures a man by what he is rather than by what he has.

This is a good city. Its future is bright. In its development the wage earners are playing a magnificent part, and this part will receive, in time, the recognition that is its just due.

To the friends of organized labor The Wagworker presents its best wishes for their future prosperity, and urges upon union men and women that they give their patronage to these known friends.

UNION FIRE INSURANCE CO.

Abraham Lincoln established a business truism when he said, "you can't fool all the people, all the time" and when a concern has been in the same business, in the same city for more than 22 years, and when at the end of that time they retain the respect and confidence of all who know them, it is pretty certain that there is more than the usual degree of merit in that concern and the business they conduct. This exacting test is made of the Union Fire Insurance Co., of Lincoln, Nebraska. In all these years no one has questioned the standing or reliability of this company. T. J. Brownfield is the general manager of the company, and E. H. Marshall, secretary. The gentlemen are well informed as to the business of fire insurance. Everybody should carry some fire insurance on their property, and especially so should he who toils for a daily wage, so that in case a calamity in the way of fire should overtake them, they would be protected, and be able to replace their loss. There is absolutely no question as to the reliability of the Union Fire Insurance Co., and they have gained an enviable reputation by paying all losses promptly. This company has on various occasions shown their friendliness toward our cause and we take pleasure in giving them a prominent place among the list of Nebraska concerns that is entitled to the undivided support of every good citizen of Lincoln.

ORGANIZER FLOOD.

Promises to Spend a Little Time in Helping the World in Lincoln.

Emmett Flood, general organizer of the American Federation of Labor, was in Lincoln the first of the week, and made a pleasant call at The Wagworker shop. Mr. Flood is now located in South Omaha and is looking after the work of organization in that locality. He stated to the editor that in the course of a few weeks he would be in Lincoln and remain here some time looking after the work of organization.

"I realize the justice of Lincoln's demand for more attention," said Mr. Flood, "and we are going to give you the assistance you deserve. I

company has built up an enviable reputation throughout the west. The gentlemen at the head of this enterprise are men who have the best interest of the city at heart and men who are connected with its financial and social advancement as well. They are widely known here and abroad and their names are synonymous with all that is the best in business. They are: Harry B. Grainger, president; Joseph Grainger, vice president; George Schwake, secretary.

SINK BILL KILLED.

The Long Train Bill Meets Horrible Death in Legislature.

House Roll 77, the "long train bill," was killed, ruthlessly slaughtered, by the lower house of the legislature last Wednesday morning. After its mutilation in the committee it never had a chance of passage. As it came from the committee neither the railway employees nor the railway managers wanted it, and the farmers were divided on it. Sink made a gallant fight for it, but it was a fight against losing odds.

The railroad brotherhoods have another bill in which they want, and which they are going to fight for until the cows come home. It is known as the "full crew bill," and has the approval of the head officials of the brotherhoods.

CENTRAL LABOR UNION.

Will Meet Next Tuesday Evening and Elect Officers.

Next Tuesday night the Central Labor Union will elect officers for the ensuing term, and every delegate ought to be there to take a part in the work. Organizer Emmett Flood, of the American Federation of Labor has promised to be present if possible, and address the meeting.

In addition to the election of officers other important matters will be attended to. The matter of taking preliminary steps for the formation of a state federation of labor will be considered.

Another matter of importance to be considered is that of an "educational secretary," and this is something that is deserving of the serious consideration of every ardent trades unionist in the city.

George J. Woods, J. H. Smith, M. L. Scudder and J. E. Miller.

Authorized capital—Bonds, \$1,500,000; preferred stock, \$1,500,000; common stock, \$2,000,000. Total, \$5,000,000.

Capital to be issued at once: Bonds, \$1,020,000; preferred stock, about \$1,000,000; common stock, about \$1,850,000.

The citizens of Lincoln and the stockholders of the two street railway companies are alike to be congratulated upon the final merging of the two transportation lines. That this would be the final outcome no one has doubted from the time the Citizens' company laid the first rail. A street railway is a natural monopoly, and in the nature of things competition is not desirable. But, on the other hand, the natural monopoly should be conducted in the interests of the public. The Wagworker holds that it would be better if the city owned the street railway just as it owns the waterworks and sewer systems, but the time for that is not yet ripe. The next best thing is to have the street railways managed by men who are willing to give the public some consideration while paying dividends. The Wagworker believes that this has been accomplished by the merger. The men who got behind

Annual Ball

Brotherhood Locomotive Engineers

Division No. 98

Auditorium

Monday, February 22

UNION ORCHESTRA!

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TICKETS, \$1.00

First Annual Ball

JOURNEYMEN BARBERS' UNION

Lincoln

Williams' Hall

Thursday, March 4

BRUSE'S ORCHESTRA. UNION MUSIC.

Tickets, \$1.00