

# WAGELABORER

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## HOME PATRONAGE.

In presenting its annual "Home Patronage Edition" The Wageworker desires to thank the friendly merchants and business men who have cooperated, and to bespeak for them, at the hands of organized labor, a hearty patronage. If organized labor would go a little stronger on the game of boosting its friends, and spend a little less time in knocking its enemies, the results might be more gratifying. Every time we "knock" on an opponent of organized labor we advertise him to the thousands who are also opposed to organized labor. At the same time, sorry to say, organized labor is just careless enough to keep right on patronizing its opponents.

With possibly two or three exceptions the business institutions of Lincoln are conducted by friends of organized labor—at least, the are conducted by men who are not opposed to organized labor. But the merchant to whom organized labor patronage is given is the merchant who asks for that patronage, seeks to encourage it and uses his best endeavor to get the kind of goods that organized labor wants to buy. There are a number of such merchants in Lincoln, and their invitations are usually found in The Wageworker.

## GERMAN CARP AND HUMANITY.

It so happens that the gentleman who edits this humble little labor paper is the deputy commissioner of labor for the state of Nebraska. The latter fact gives him an opportunity to gather some statistics that may be used in his editorial capacity.

The Bureau of Labor and Industry is allowed \$4,000 a year to meet every expense, including salaries.

The Game and Fish Bureau is allowed \$11,500 a year.

The Labor Bureau has to do with men, women and children.

The Game and Fish Commission has to do with suckers, German carp and turtle doves.

For every dollar allowed by the state to safeguard human life, investigate social conditions and enforce sanitation, the state spends three dollars on the suckers, the carp and the turtle dove.

The state gives the Nebraska Poultry Association a thousand dollars a year so the chicken raisers can get together, exhibit their fowls and reason together for the uplift of the Buff Cochins, the Black Langshans and the Minorcas. When the deputy labor commissioner asks for \$500 a year to assist the wage-earners of the state in holding an annual meeting where they can exhibit their crop of boys and girls and talk about subjects of vital interest to the toilers, he is met with the charge of being extravagant and told that the state can not afford to increase its appropriations.

Nebraska's industries have quadrupled during the last fifteen years, but the Labor Bureau is allowed less help and less money than was given it fifteen years ago.

The state spends \$300,000 a year in the interests of farmers by providing for a state farm school, experimental farms, fairs, institutes, etc., but not a dollar for work that would be equally beneficial to the wage-earners. Yet the wage-earners are half as numerous as the farmers.

It must be cheerfully admitted that not a dollar too much is spent in the interests of the farmers. But it must also be admitted by any fair-minded man that not nearly enough is spent in advancing the interests of the wage-earners.

The present deputy commissioner is striving to have this wrong corrected, and he is receiving the support of the wage-earners. He is also getting plenty of "knocks" and a lot of exhibition of indifference towards the needs of the wage-earners.

Perhaps the wage-earners haven't been insistent enough upon a recognition of their rights.

Now that we are to have a guarantee for the depositors, let us have a guarantee that the man who is compelled to borrow will not be gouged to death.

Mr. Carnegie might ease his conscience a bit by pensioning the widows and children of the workingmen slaughtered at Homestead.

Say, early this spring would be a good time to meet in Lincoln for the purpose of organizing a state federation of labor. Yes?

"Ol' Sam" Gompers isn't talking like a man who is not going to plead for executive clemency.

The Humphrey Saturday half-holiday bill ought to be pushed to the limit.

The attention of the sheriff is called the ladies and gentlemen who

oppose Sunday base ball for the workingmen and women, but who put in a goodly part of the Lord's day playing golf at the Country Club.

Married, in Lincoln, Nebraska, on February 15, 1909, Mr. Lincoln Traction and Miss Citizens Railway. The Wageworker extends its heartiest congratulations to the contracting parties. Also to the community.

It is easier for a corporation senator to dodge around the constitution into a presidential cabinet than it is for a workman to get within gunshot of justice when injustice means profit to the other fellow.

The Sunday base ball bills have been killed. All right. Now let us have a law prohibiting our ministerial friends from eating yellow-legged chickens that were killed and fried on Sunday.

The helpless carp, the weak Buff Cochins, the paralytic Minorca and the paretic pig must be looked after. Working men and women will have to look out for themselves and their children.

Dollars coined from the blood and sweat of toil are not fit to pension the professors who are well paid to instruct the children of today.

You seldom year of a man with a union card in his pocket applying at charity headquarters for help.

Patronize your friends and let your enemies sink into the abyss of the unknown.

The name "Douglas" now stands for a non-union shoe. Bear this fact in mind.

Labor will never secure a redress of wrongs until it unites solidly in demanding its rights.

And now for a genuine revival of the demand for the label.

Now will the street railway men wake up and organize?

Give a helping hand to the Glove Workers' Union.

CAPITAL AUXILIARY. Capital Auxiliary will meet with Mrs. G. M. Watham, 1744 Garfield St., next Wednesday.

Ask your dealer for the "Hardy" work glove. Union Made, and made in Lincoln.

## "BREAD AND BUTTER PROBLEM."

That is a problem that interests every wage-earner, and that is why every wage-earner should seize the opportunity to hear it discussed by Dr. LeRoisigol of the State University at Grace M. E. church, Twenty-seventh and R streets, Sunday evening. Special music will be provided and the workingmen and women of the city are most cordially invited to attend.

## LINCOLN PAINT AND COLOR CO.

Lincoln, like many other western cities, has kept pace in every instance with the great developments and commercial advancement that has characterized the west during the past decade. In many instances she has even outrun those who were formerly leaders. Her business men are among the most enterprising, progressive and able in this country and in almost every line of trade Lincoln's business may point with pride to establishments that are second to none. In this review we wish to mention, especially, an establishment that has, through the excellence of its products, and conditions of its management, done as much as any one concern and more than most for the domestic good of this city and has been very instrumental in spreading the name and fame of Lincoln throughout the entire United States. This firm is the Lincoln Paint and Color Co. which, besides being one of the largest manufacturing concerns in Lincoln, has the distinction of being the largest paint factory west of the Mississippi. The importance of this concern and the amount of business done by them is little realized by the majority of Lincoln's citizens. They have branches in almost every state in the west, but the main manufacturing plant and the home offices of this company are situated in Lincoln.

Lincoln feels a certain sense of pride in this company as being one of her largest business enterprises which, by reason of its fairness of business methods and the excellence of its products, is rapidly growing to be one of the foremost factories of its kind in the United States. On many occasions the management of this company has manifested a most friendly interest in the cause and is entitled to the hearty co-operation and support of the great masses that toil for daily wage. This firm believes in good organization, when properly conducted and in compiling this list of Lincoln's most substantial business concerns we wish to give this company prominent mention and insist that our readers, when making purchases of anything in this line, demand that it be the output of their home manufacturers. The Lincoln Paint and Color company have one feature for the benefit of their employees, which is absolutely unique. This is a relief association, governed entirely by the employees and financed jointly by the employees and the company. Membership in this relief association is in no way compulsory. This association was started three years ago, largely as an experiment; however, the original plan of this relief association has proven to be most excellent, as very few changes were necessary. This association has paid out, in sick benefits, to its members since its organization, over five hundred dollars and in many other cases has offered assistance to its members, which could not have otherwise been obtained. This is, to our knowledge, the only organization of this kind existing in the city and we suggest to

our readers that it is an organization which might, with profit, be installed by employees in other business houses throughout our city.

# THE AFTER INVENTORY SALE

PLACES an unequalled opportunity before you. It's a sale of the right kind embracing the right kind of Clothing. The prices now are less than wholesale cost. We make this sacrifice in order to clear out all lines of winter clothing. Every season must begin with brand new goods. Timid merchants cannot understand these aggressive methods of ours.

Entire Stock of Four Divisions. Let Facts and Figures Talk.



**\$19** is the price of our finest Suits, Overcoats and Cravenettes. These are the best clothes made; better than other Lincoln stores sell at any price—formerly they were priced at \$40.00, \$36.00, \$30.00, \$27.50.



**\$9** is the price we ask for an unusually good lot of unusually good Suits, Overcoats and Cravenettes. Bear in your mind the best the others have at \$25 and compare them with those that we formerly sold at \$18, \$16.50 and \$15.00.

**\$14** is the price of the high grade Suits, Overcoats, and Cravenettes, such as other stores would call "best"—their best—our second best—they would price them at \$35, and \$30; our former prices were \$25, \$22.50 and \$20.

**\$5** is the price of our good for little money Suits, Overcoats and Cravenettes. Even low priced clothes must be "good" at this store. While others were asking \$12.50 and \$15 we were selling these regularly at \$12.50 and \$10.

# Armstrong Clothing Co.

GOOD CLOTHES MERCHANTS.

DEPUTY SPANGLER HAT CO. (Union-Made Gloves.)

Lincoln possesses no more responsible and straightforward concern than that of the Deputy Spangler Hat Co., whose establishment is located at 227-229 North Ninth street. The firm have established a high reputation in this section of the country, based upon an unusually active and successive business of several years standing. They not only do business in Lincoln, but their goods may be found throughout the entire west. They handle a most complete line of Union-Made hats, caps, etc. A special feature of this concern that we wish to particularly call the attention to of every citizen of Lincoln, and especially the union men, is the fact that they operate in connection with their hat business a leather glove manufacturing establishment that is fast gaining an enviable reputation for high class work gloves. This company manufacture and place on the market the famous "Hardy" work glove. In our last Annual Review we told our readers that this concern was willing that their employees form an organization, and during the last year the organization has been effected, and their shop is now unionized and the Glove Workers' label is being used. This is the only Union glove factory in the state of Nebraska, and the Union men of Lincoln and throughout the entire state should insist that their dealer furnish them with the Union-Made "Hardy" Glove. One of the fundamental principles of organized labor is to patronize their friends, and our members that have occasion to buy work gloves should remember this. This glove not only bears the Union Label, but is without doubt, one of the best articles in its line that is being placed on the market. Mr. Union Man, let the word "Hardy" be vividly impressed upon your mind, and when purchasing the next pair of work gloves call for this brand, and by so doing help boost a Lincoln concern that has on various occasions shown their friendliness toward the man who toils for a daily wage.

LINCOLN GAS AND ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY.

The lighting and fuel supply has been one of the greatest problems that modern cities have had to solve and the result of the last quarter of a century's experience has seen great strides of development in gas and electricity. The Lincoln Gas and Electric Light Co., whose offices are located at 1233 O street, has solved the lighting and power question of Lincoln for many years to come. This company, with its most modern system of power generation, can supply this city for many years with the best light, heat and power that modern ingenuity has yet devised. Its capability in this line is shown by the

splendid and efficient service that it now gives in manufacturing, store, office and homes in every part of the city. For convenience and cleanliness the electric light rivals all other illuminants. An electric lighted store is most alluring and attractive, and the greatest danger of disastrous conflagration is eliminated. An electric sign in front of your place of business is always busy burning your name and business into the minds of the passing hundreds. The electric light makes your home bright, pleasant and healthful, and is a safeguard against fire and burglars. It is also useful and economical in a hundred other ways. What you will save in redecorating and painting your home every year will largely pay for your light bill. The Lincoln Gas and Electric Light company is a public benefactor in every sense of the word and has done more to advance and better the condition of our city than any other single interest of a quasi-public nature. It has been a boon alike to those of means and to the great masses of people who toil for subsistence, for to them the lighting and heating problem is one of vital importance, and each year sees them adopting electricity in their homes as a matter of economy. The gentlemen at the head of the Lincoln Gas and Electric Light company are men who have spent their years in the work of development of the light, heat and power service of our city, and to them is a great share of the advancement of our city due. Few cities, if any, in the country have gas of so good a quality supplied as we have here and this we owe to the careful efforts of the above company. This company has spent many thousands of dollars in the extension of pipe lines, etc., and have been a foremost factor in supplying comfort and economical heat to thousands of our property holders. It is the aim of this company to keep fully abreast of the times and give the best service it is possible to give at all times. They have always shown their friendliness toward our cause at all times, and our members are numbered by the thousands that patronize this company. The Wageworker takes pleasure in giving the Lincoln Gas and Electric Light company prominent mention in this our annual trade review edition.

Eat at Elam's.  
Brothers Fight Duel.  
Charles and Joseph Wood, of O'Neill, brothers, aged respectively twenty-one and thirteen, fought a duel with a revolver and shotgun Monday afternoon, during which each received painful injuries, but neither was fatally hurt. Both gave themselves up to the authorities. The fight resulted from a quarrel over affairs on their farm. Charles Wood received a load of buckshot in the face at long range and his brother has a bullet in his body.

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