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EDITORS IN SESSION.

Nebraska Press Association Entertained by Grand Island People.

The editor of The Wageworker begs the indulgence of his readers this week for any shortcomings. Once a year he goes to a meeting of the Nebraska Press Association, and this was the week. He went out to Grand Island, and combining business with pleasure had one of the times of his life. There's a bully bunch of "good Injuns" in Grand Island, and all of them joined in making the visit of the Nebraska editors an event to be remembered forever and a day. From the time the editor man and his wife landed in Grand Island until they took the train for home there was something doing—and it was something that pleased and entertained.

The Elks' club room was thrown open to the visitors and the sessions were held there. Every variety of entertainment was shown the visiting newspaper men and women, and every variety was pleasant and profitable. A "smoker" was given the gentlemen at the Elks' club room on Monday evening, a visit was paid to the Soldiers' Home Tuesday afternoon, a reception and ball was given at the Elks' club Tuesday evening after a splendid musical entertainment at the Bartenbach opera house. The Kyril concert company provided the musical entertainment, and it was one of the rarest of musical treats. Time and space prevent any extended comments upon this splendid feature of the week's entertainment. Suffice it to say that the music lover who fails to seize an opportunity to hear this splendid musical organization will have every reason to regret it.

Wednesday evening a banquet was tendered by the Commercial club of Grand Island. After enjoying it one can understand why Grand Island is such a good town. A live organization like the Grand Island Commercial club will make a "live one" of any old town. The banquet was a huge success. This newspaper writer has attended scores of banquets in his time, but for viands, for service and for intellectual refreshments it was the best ever.

Here and now The Wageworker wants to bear witness to the fact that the Nebraska Press Association was never better entertained than by the Grand Island people this week. Gus Beuchler, W. H. Harrison, Mayor Shuff, the members of the Elks' and Commercial clubs, the Woman's Park commission, W. H. Thompson, and scores of others went without sleep in order to have time to frame up new schemes for the entertainment of the visitors. The Grand Island people are entitled to the warmest words of commendation for their hospitality. A good town, peopled by enterprising citizens, in one of the best counties of the best state in the Union—that's a combination hard to beat.

THE DOUBLE-SHIFT SYSTEM.

Lincoln Firemen Entitled to a Little Time for Themselves.

Representative Brown has introduced into the legislature a bill providing for a double-shift system for the firemen of Lincoln. It will not take long for a thoughtful man to decide that the firemen are entitled to the relief asked for.

Under present conditions the firemen are on duty constantly. It is true that the firemen have long hours in which they do comparatively little work, and again there often comes a time when their work is the hardest and most dangerous that men can be called upon to perform. A few hours of work like that performed during the Halter block fire more than offsets an hundred hours of idleness around the station. But it is the constant confinement, the dull and deadly monotony, that is so wearisome.

The firemen are the only employees of the municipality who have to be on duty more than twelve hours. And the policemen are the only employees who have to work over seven or eight hours. There are clerks and stenographers and accountants in city offices who do not average eight hours' work a day, yet draw more money than the firemen who belong to the rank and file. Yet the firemen must be on duty twenty-four hours a day, constantly endanger their lives and run the risks incident to their employment, all for less than scores of clerks receive in positions of no danger and requiring only an average amount of ability. This is not saying that the clerks are overpaid or too leniently treated. It is saying that the firemen are underpaid and unjustly treated.

The firemen are entitled to the relief asked for under the double-shift system. But one objection can be raised, and that is the objection to the increased expense. But even this objection is not well founded. The laborer is worthy of his hire. The firemen are underpaid. They give the city the best possible protection and

the city should in return give them every consideration. A fireman is a human being, not merely a piece of fire-fighting machinery. He loves the companionship of his fellows, and he doubtless has as much desire as the average man to make a home. The fact that he fights fire does not necessarily cause him to lose the home-making instinct nor incline him to overlook the little social pleasures of life. All these, however, are practically denied him by the present inhuman system.

The Brown bill should meet with no opposition in the legislature, and its provisions should be acceptable to every citizen of Lincoln. The Lincoln fire department is accounted one of the best in the country, and the men who compose it are entitled to better treatment at the hands of the people than they have heretofore received.

WHAT'S THE MATTER?

Temple Directory Seems to Have Died from Pure Inanition.

The directors of the Labor Temple Association have not met for months. The time for the holding of the annual election has passed, and no election was called by the officers whose duty it is to attend to that matter. Several hundred dollars have been paid into the treasury, yet the whole movement seems to have petered out and the money is lying idle in the treasury.

There are a few individual stockholders who have paid in their hard-earned money who are inclined to believe that something should be done or the money returned. Two or three unions have paid in comparatively large sums, and these unions are interested in knowing what the outcome is to be.

It would seem that it is up to the duly elected officers and directors to get busy and either push the project with vigor or present a final accounting and ask for a dissolution of the corporation.

GENERAL MENTION.

Barbers' Union ball, Williams' hall, March 4. Tickets one dollar.

Mrs. Charles B. Righter has been seriously ill for the past week.

One demand for the label is better than an hour of street corner vociferation about boycotting.

The bill appropriating \$200,000 for a state twine factory at the penitentiary has passed the house.

Mrs. F. M. Coffey has returned to the Oklahoma farm, where she and the children will spend the summer.

In a few weeks we'll all be hiking toward the M street park to harken to the umpire shout with racuous voice, "Play ball!"

A. B. Murray, bridge inspector for Lancaster county, fell from a trestle near Bruse's park last Friday and sustained painful injuries.

The Lindell hotel property has been sold to a Kansas man, but Hoover & Son have leased it and will continue to conduct the hotel.

Senator Stephenson of Wisconsin admits having spent upwards of \$100,000 in his campaign for re-election. A poor man would have hard work playing up against that kind of a political game.

There are at least two old-time printers in the lower house of the legislature—Cyrus Black of the Hickman Enterprise and Col. M. A. Bates of the Plattsmouth Journal. In the senate there is the inimitable "Doc" Tanner, editor of the South Omaha Daily Democrat.

HELP THE GARMENT WORKERS.

Demanding Decent Treatment and a Weekly Pay Day.

Jacob Sklover, representing the Ladies' Garment Workers' Union of Omaha, was in Omaha last Saturday in the interests of that organization. The members of this union have been locked out by the Novelty Skirt Co. because they demanded a weekly pay day and a decent rate of wages. This is the only union of garment workers in Nebraska and it should have the earnest support of every true unionist. These locked-out girls are being bitterly fought by the Business Men's Association of Omaha. That association, made up of wealthy and influential business men in Omaha, is showing its yellow streak by putting up the financial backing for the Novelty Skirt Co. in its fight against a bunch of girls who are asking for decent wages, fair conditions and a weekly pay day. It is openly charged that Chief of Police Donahue has been influenced to use the Omaha police force in an attempt to force the girls to submission.

The women of Lincoln have a splendid opportunity to give these young women a helping hand. The Novelty Skirt Co. has a branch store in Lincoln, managed by O. C. Byron. The "Skirt Store" is located in the Little Block.

Of course it is illegal to boycott, and also unfair to print an unfair list. But it is not illegal to withhold your

patronage from a firm whose method of conducting its business is injurious to your interests or the interests of your fellows. Union men and women, and men and women who are not unionists but who do believe in fair play, ought to see the point.

Do not boycott
Just patronize your friends and pass up your enemies.

SOCIALISM AND THE CHURCH.

Rev. Charles Steizie Discusses the Preacher and Socialism.

Many advocates of socialism declare that if the church were to advocate the doctrines of this system workingmen would crowd into the church. In the first place, it is not the chief business of the church to get crowds. Its chief business is to preach the truth, as it sees it. If the mere getting of crowds were the only criterion of success Christ's mission was a failure. When he was crucified, he had a mere handful of followers. Moreover, the great mass of workingmen are not particularly interested in social problems. They do not attend their trades union meetings with any degree of regularity. It is a well known fact that only a small percentage of the members of a particular local regularly attend its meetings, and the trades union makes a specialty of the social question as it relates to the affairs of its members. The average socialist meeting is also comparatively poorly attended. If neither trades union nor socialist meeting can secure more than a handful of followers, why should it be expected that the church through the preaching of precisely the same principles, would be crowded. Moreover, quite a good many socialist ministers have honestly attempted to preach socialism, but in practically every case their audiences have been very small. It has been insisted that if a minister were to preach socialism, he would lose his job, because the church would not stand for the preaching of such doctrines. It may be that in a few cases socialist preachers have been requested to resign because of the preaching of objectionable economic doctrines; but in nearly every case it has been observed that the minister was discredited not because he had said too much but because he had the ability to say much more. The preacher or advocate of any system should remember the law in the making of a cannon viz: that it must be one hundred times heavier than the shot that it fires. Most of men who have thus been discredited have been light-weight—they failed to make good.

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Estate No. 2518 of Clem Birney, deceased, in County Court of Lancaster County, Nebraska.

The State of Nebraska, To all persons interested in said estate, take notice, that a petition has been filed for the appointment of Henry C. Berge as administrator of said estate, which has been set for hearing herein, on February 24, 1909, at 9 o'clock a. m. Dated January 23, 1909.

P. JAS. COSGRAVE,
County Judge.
By Walter A. Leese, Clerk. 43-4

Notice of Probate.

Estate No. 1826 of Adelia P. Grove, deceased, in County Court of Lancaster County, Nebraska.

The State of Nebraska, To all persons interested in said estate, take notice that a petition has been filed for probate of the last will of said deceased, and for appointment of Peter B. Eno as administrator with will annexed thereof, which has been set for hearing herein, on February 23, 1909, at 9 o'clock a. m. Dated January 21, 1909.

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By Walter A. Leese, Clerk. 43-4

Notice of Petition.

Estate No. 57 of Orville W. Merrill, deceased, in County Court of Lancaster County, Nebraska.

The State of Nebraska, To all persons interested in said estate, take notice, that a petition has been filed for the appointment of Burton A. George as administrator of said estate, which has been set for hearing herein, on February 23, 1909, at 1 o'clock p. m. Dated January 21, 1909.

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