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**THE OBJECTS OF FEDERATION.**

More or less has been said concerning the State Federation of Labor that will be organized in Lincoln next Monday and Tuesday. It has been charged in certain quarters that "politics" was behind it. It has also been charged that it was a plan to turn the trades unions over to a political party. It might be well at this particular time to state just what the objects are.

The first thing sought for is to bring the wage-earners of the state into closer relations with a view of bettering working conditions. Secondly, it is necessary to secure the enactment of laws in the interest of the workers—not laws for their special interests, but laws demanded by justice.

Every legislative session sees every special interest well represented with the sole exception of the men and women who work in mill, shop and factory. The packing house interests are well served; the railroad corporations are well served; the insurance combine is well served; the physicians are taken care of, and the farmers always get the recognition they demand. But the wage-earners, unrepresented on the floor of the house and senate, and without representatives to look out for their interests, never get the recognition that is due them. It will be the purpose of the State Federation of Labor to work for a better recognition of the 200,000 men and women of Nebraska who are earning livelihoods at gainful occupations apart from the soil and the professions. It will have a committee to look after legislation in the interests of the wage-earners, and to oppose laws adverse to their interests. It will strive to secure a better recognition of those departments of state charged with the duties of looking after the enforcement of sanitary laws, the employment of labor and the protection of life and limb. It will seek to promote closer relations between men of all trades and crafts. It will seek to be a force in politics, not from a partisan standpoint, but from the standpoint of the welfare of those who toil for wages.

These are some of the purposes of the proposed organization. The men who are interested in promoting this organization have nothing to conceal. The sessions of the Federation will be as open as any church revival. The proceedings will be printed and distributed free to all who may be interested enough to ask for them. The first man who seeks to use the organization for partisan purposes will be thrown over the transom. It will be an organization of earnest men and women seeking to advance the general welfare of the toilers. It will deserve the support of every citizen who wants to see better conditions prevail.

**GOOD LUCK, UNCLE SAM!**

When this issue of The Wageworker reaches its readers, Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, will be on the briny deep, en route for Europe. President Gompers goes as the fraternal delegate from the American Trades Unions to the British Federation of Labor convention.

Much as we would like to take that trip, we'd rather see Uncle Sam Gompers taking it than any other man on earth. He will reflect credit upon American trades unionism as he stands as its representative before the Trades Union congresses of the world. He will bring back for our benefit the added wisdom he gains by reason of his trip.

When the history of this generation shall have been written by some future historian, the name of Samuel Gompers will be written in large letters. His life has been spent in the uplift of humanity. He found the workers of America an unorganized factional mass; he welded it into a harmonious whole. He found the toilers a prey to every selfish interest; he organized them into a powerful army ready to fight like men for its rights. He has carried the light into many dark places, he has defended the helpless, befriended the

widow and the orphan, and taught men of labor to hold up their heads and demand recognition of their manly rights. Born under a foreign flag, he is as intensely American as any proud descendant of a revolutionary sire. His heart is big enough to take in all creation, and his brain is big enough to enable him to meet and vanquish the enemies of unionism upon their own battlegrounds.

Here's hoping that Uncle Sam Gompers will have the time of his life on his European trip. He will be met by no parade of troops, nor will he be heralded by uniformed flunkies at the courts of kings and emperors. But he will be hailed with acclaim by the Grand Army of Toil, and he will be welcomed into the homes of the men and women whose toil and skill has made this the greatest generation in all the history of time. And may he return even better fitted than now to lead the hosts of labor to greater victories in the arts of peace and happiness.

Help make the Federation convention a great success by attending every session.

If you miss hearing Raymond Robins Tuesday evening you'll miss hearing the most eloquent champion of organized labor.

The election of three prominent trades unionists to office in St. Louis, where Jim VanCleave lives, is calculated to make Jim rush out behind the woodshed and bite himself on the neck.

The attention of President Kirby of the Union Busters is called to these facts: The Philadelphia Traction Co. said it wouldn't recognize the union, but it did. The hat manufacturers said they would never recognize the union, but they did. The Chicago department stores said their drivers shouldn't wear union buttons, but the drivers wear them. President Kirby should now mount the rostrum and deliver himself of another diatribe.

Say, what became of the report of that commission appointed by Roosevelt to investigate American homes? Come on with it!

The "open shop" is closed to self-respecting workmen. The "closed shop" is open to self-respecting workmen.

The injunction in labor disputes goes marching on. The unionists of Manila have been enjoined from holding mass meetings. First they deprived us of trial by jury. Then they deprived us of a free press. Now they deprive us of the right of free speech. What next?

Of course the delegates to the State Federation of Labor will wear labeled garments and smoke only union-made cigars.

The United Hatters of North America have a right to feel a bit chesty these days.

Keep up the agitation for organization. The boosting of the label is a good way to keep at it.

Fifty union labor men in the parliament of Great Britain. How many union labor men have we in congress?

Be a "kicker" if you want to, but for goodness sake don't be a "knocker."

Boost for the Nebraska State Federation of Labor.

Hear Raymond Robins Tuesday night.

**CENTRAL LABOR UNION.**

Recess Meeting at the State House This Saturday Evening.

The next regular meeting night of the Central Labor Union falls on the night that Raymond Robins addresses the Nebraska State Federation of Labor. For that reason the regular meeting will be dispensed with, but an adjourned meeting from the June 8 meeting will be held at the office of the commissioner of labor at the state house this (Saturday) evening, June 19. The labor commissioner's office is on the third floor, east end of the state house.

The meeting is called for the purpose of picking up some loose ends connected with the Federation meeting, and to start the Labor Day celebration matter to going. It is none too soon to begin laying plans for Labor Day, and the central body is usually charged with starting the movement. Without the Saturday night meeting it would be well along towards the middle of July before a regular meeting would be held. All delegates are requested to take notice of this adjourned meeting and be present, ready to help boost things along. Heretofore preparations for Labor Day have been put off so long that things had to be done with too much of a rush. This should not be the case this year.

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- Graves & Payne, No. 5.
- State Printing Co., No. 6.
- Star Publishing Co., No. 7.
- Western Newspaper Union, No. 8.
- Wood Printing Co., No. 9.
- Dairyman Publishing Co., No. 10.
- George Brothers, No. 11.
- McVey, No. 12.
- Lincoln Herald, No. 14.
- New Century Printers, No. 17.
- Gillispie & Phillips, No. 18.
- Herburger, The Printer, No. 20.
- Der Pilger, No. 25.

**FAIR BARBER SHOPS.**

You Will Find the Union Card in the Following Places.

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- George Petro, 1010 O.
- J. J. Simpson, 922 P.
- George Shaffer, Lincoln Hotel.
- C. B. Ellis, Windsor Hotel.
- D. S. Crop, Capital Hotel.
- M. J. Roberts, Royal Hotel.
- A. L. Kimmerer, Lindell Hotel.
- C. A. Green, 120 North Eleventh.
- C. A. Green, 1132 O.
- E. A. Wood, 1206 O.
- Chaplin & Ryan, 129 North Twelfth.
- E. C. Evans, 1121 P.
- Bert Sturm, 116 South Thirteenth.
- J. B. Raynor, 1501 O.
- Muck & Barthelman, 122 South

Twelfth.

- J. J. Simpson, 922 P.
- Frank Malone, Havelock.
- C. A. Hughart, Havelock.

**UNCONSCIOUS HUMOR.**

Among the pet delusions of the average American is the belief that he belongs to a race characterized by a keen sense of humor. The theory is completely discredited by the fact that a majority of the people of this country still read the congressional debates on the tariff question without the slightest suspicion that there is anything funny about them.—New York Daily Call.

**WEST VIRGINIA STRIKE OFF.**

The coal miners of West Virginia must arbitrate the question of whether they will be allowed a representative to watch the weighing of coal mined by them. This was the issue that caused the strike of 7,000 men last week. The walkout has been declared off on the promise of the operators to refer the question to outsiders.