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The American Birthright A Hollow Mockery Now

MEN WANTED—Tiners, catchers helpers to work in open shops. Syrians, Poles and Roumanians preferred. Steady employment and good wages to men willing to work. Fare paid and no fees charged.

The above advertisement appeared in trust newspapers of Pittsburg under the caption, "Men Wanted."

GOD PITY AMERICA IF THE COUNTRY HAS COME TO THIS!

That advertisement is an insult to every man through whose veins courses the rich American blood.

The man, or men, or corporation responsible for these words is more insidious than the despicable puppet who dares to spit upon the Stars and Stripes. Each word is immersed in venom and hurled at American manhood.

Do you freeborn, honorable men of America grasp the full meaning of this insidious advertisement?

THE SONS OF THE REPUBLIC CAN STARVE AS LONG AS ENOUGH FOREIGNERS CAN BE SECURED TO DO THE WORK OF THESE CAPITALISTS.

That birth certificate granted to you by the fathers who shed their blood in '76 and '81 will bar you from the mills of those who profess to be captains of American industry.

Your allegiance to the flag and love for the mother country place you in the "not wanted" class of these capitalists who prefer to give work to foreigners.

The very blood of which you boast, of which poets sing and which orators and statesmen throughout the world praise, will prevent you from earning a livelihood at the rolls and furnaces in the mills of these greedy employers.

What employer would dare sign his name to such an advertisement in the public press?

Not the employer who is ousting American union men. Oh, no!

But the insulted people who see that advertisement will know who wants to employ Syrians, Poles and Roumanians in preference to Americans.

THE STEEL TRUST WANTS FOREIGNERS TO WORK IN ITS MILLS.
The American Sheet and Tin Plate company, a subsidiary of the United States Steel corporation, declared its sheet and tin mills "open shops" this month.

Union men refused to work unless the Billion Dollar Combination recognized their Combination of Labor.

They are out of jobs now and the trust is filling their places with what they call "strike-breakers."

This grasping, greedy combination of wealth prefers to employ foreigners.

Why? Is it easier to grind foreign bodies and souls into dividends? Does this gigantic monopoly fear that the sons of the brave men who won freedom for the country and preserved and protected it will rebel against oppression?

AND THIS IS THE SAME TRUST THAT PLEADED FOR TARIFF LAWS WHICH WOULD PROTECT THE AMERICAN LABORER.

What hypocrisy!

This is the trust which appealed to the American people, the American lawmakers, the American congress for protection for the American working man.

With those pleas still ringing in the ears of the country, the steel trust arrogantly kicks the American out of its mills.

It insolently announces through the public press that it will give preference to Syrians, Poles and Roumanians in filling the vacancies in its plants.

To New Castle and those other towns where American workmen have manned the mills a foreign horde is invited.

Look upon Schoenville, the "Hunkerville" of the Pressed Steel Car company, and you can see what the Steel Trust would make of those thriving American towns built around its mills and furnaces.

It would drive the Americans from those towns. It would fill its mills with foreign men who can be reduced to the state of animals and converted into beasts of burden.

The Steel Trust is right in one assumption. It could never reduce American men to the state in which the employees of the Pressed Steel

Car company are found in Schoenville.

The American is no slave. Nor can he be purchased, body and soul, for 10 to 12 cents an hour. He will not stand idle and see his wife and children grovel in poverty and beg for the crumbs that fall from the employer's table.

Syrians, Poles and Roumanians may be clubbed and driven and fed with the slop and swill their pitiful wages will purchase.

But the American can never be reduced to that state of desperation where his spirit is killed and his heart is broken.

The Steel Trust is not advertising for men to fill humble positions. It wants skilled workmen. BUT PREFERENCE IS TO BE GIVEN TO THE FOREIGNERS.

The so-called muckraker has pointed to Schoenville and the other sore and festering spots in the Pittsburg district.

Pittsburg, with natural pride, rebelled against exaggerated criticism. But if it had a thousand tongues,

upon the red flag flaunted in the faces of American workmen when they are told that Syrians, Poles and Roumanians are preferred in the mills of the Trust.

If there is that much vaunted spirit in the breasts of the republic's sons it will rebel against the Trust which places the American beneath the most ignorant foreigner who comes to America's shores.

"All men are created equal."

Let it be so. Give the foreigner his opportunity. But God pity the country if preference is to be given to the ignorant foreigner lifted from oppression in which he and his forefathers dwelt and enticed to the "land of promise" to be reduced to greater poverty than Europe has ever known.

AMERICA FOR AMERICANS. THE STEEL TRUST SEEMS TO BE FOR NEITHER.—Pittsburg Leader.

CENTRAL LABOR UNION.

Semi-Annual Election of Officers Follows Routine Business.

The attendance at the Central Labor Union meeting Tuesday evening was light, owing to the hot weather. There were several peculiarities about the meeting. Delegate Quick was ab-

President, T. W. Parker, Cigarmakers.

Vice-president, T. E. Evans, Barbers. Secretary, F. A. Kates, Carpenters. Treasurer, T. W. Evans, Cigarmakers.

Executive committee, George Quick, Carpenters; G. A. Walker, Lathers; W. M. Gellor, Horseshoers.

Attention was called to the fact that the city as being advertised throughout the east as being in need of mechanics of various trades. The local mechanics have not noticed enough shortage to have any appreciable bull effect on wages. It was reported that the Burlington is advertising for both carpenters and laborers, inquiry developing the fact that the Burlington was offering \$2.25 a day of ten hours for carpenters, while common laborers would have to compete with raw, ignorant foreigners in the wage market.

Chase of the Carpenters reported a demand for a few high grade carpenters, but added that they must be young men. The local union could furnish competent elderly men, but their gray hairs were set up as a bar against them. However, the wages offered were not what competent men could get in any other town of Lincoln's size.

Senator Burkett's speech on "The

Printers Walk "Lovers' Lane, Saint Joe"

There was a hot time in the old town this week.

This statement is subject to a couple of interpretations. For it was hotter than the middle hinges of Tophet in St. Joseph, and the local committee made it decidedly warm for the 1,500 delegates and visitors who registered for the fifty-fifth annual convention of the International Typographical Union.

But hot weather, or any other little old discomfort, can not keep the delegates and visitors to a printers' convention from having a bully time. It is not worth while to try and tell all about the convention. But perhaps a few little facts about the Lincoln bunch will be of interest.

The "Lincoln Bunch" was in evidence at all times. The people from this good old town stuck together like a lot of cockleburrs, and what they missed seeing wasn't worth looking at. From the time of the "get-together" until the last dog was hung there were Lincolnites on the ground to participate.

companied by a few friends, gorged themselves on an old-fashioned southern fish dinner last night after the celebration at Lake Contrary and a dip in the lake. The meal was served at Ross' cafe and the piece de resistance was several large black bass. In the party were W. M. Maupin, deputy labor commissioner of Nebraska, and Mrs. Maupin, W. S. Bustard and wife, Conrad Schridt, Albert Barrett, H. C. Peate, vice-president of Lincoln Typographical Union No. 299, and August Radebach, of Lincoln, Harry H. Wager and wife of Galesburg, Ill., and E. G. Johnson of Ottumwa.

Wednesday G. N. Watham and wife joined the Lincoln delegation and went along on the trip through the big Swift packing plant. It was mighty fine to get into the big cooling boxes of the Swift plant after roaming through the torrid heat of the St. Joseph streets. The visitors to the Swift plant were given several handsome souvenirs of the institution, and all were delighted with the trip. If all packing plants were as clean as that one, there would be no complaint. It was really marvelous how clean it was, considering the nature of the business carried on. The attendants who showed the 1,500 guests through the plant were the personification of courtesy. The trip will not soon be forgotten.

The reception and ball at the Lotus Club Wednesday night was a fine affair. The dancing pavillion is out over the water of Lake Contrary, and the union music set all feet to tripping the light fantastic.

Nor must the big swim be overlooked. The "Lincoln Bunch" donned bathing suits one afternoon and fairly made the waters of Lake Contrary foam as they paddled about. Conrad Schridt collided with something when he made a high dive from a balcony, and as a result he came home Thursday with a battered-up countenance.

Atlanta Minneapolis and Salt Lake kept open house, each one striving to land the 1910 convention. Minneapolis won, but not because it entertained better at its headquarters. The Atlanta bunch had 'em all skinned for hospitality and abundance of refreshments. But the awful hot weather made the delegates suspicious of any southern point, and the thought of the "cool winds of the north" gave the convention to the Flour City. There were several exciting scenes on the floor of the convention, but as they were over matters that interest only printers they will be left for future gatherings of the clan.

The "Lincoln Bunch" is under obligations to Calver Ross for many courtesies at his hands and the hands of his two union waiters who exerted themselves to the utmost to keep the bunch from going hungry. Elwood McDonald, deputy city clerk, is also in for a share of thanks, for he proved a "life saving station" to a couple of the bunch who had to have identification at a financial institution. Elwood came across with his usual good nature and courtesy.

Colonel Duff and Colonel McKinney were with the bunch for a time, but both had to return home early because there were no "subs" in sight. Duff returned Sunday night and McKinney managed to tear himself loose Tuesday evening. Radebach and Schridt came back on Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Bustard tarried until Friday evening. Mrs. Maupin stopped off at Oregon to visit with relatives. Peate said he was going to stay until the lights went out. Locker and Freeman, the two capable delegates from No. 299 had to remain and sweeter because there was a lot of "big business" on hand.

St. Joseph certainly did herself proud in entertaining the convention, and the local committee is entitled to all the praises that can be sung by mortal tongues. But here's hoping that never again will a convention of 300 delegates be held in an auditorium that will seat 8,000 people.

This is enough for this time. Doubtless we'll keep referring to "Of St. Joe" and her convention for a couple of months to come.

And of course we're all going to Minneapolis, God willing.

About 4,000 people were in attendance at the old settlers' picnic at Neosho City Friday, but the number who were in the county back in territorial days was not large.

A Socialist orator has been arrested by the police of Lincoln on the charge of "disturbing the peace." The offense consisted of making street corner speeches
THE ARREST IS AN OUTRAGE—A TRAESTY ON JUSTICE!

The victim of this police persecution was merely exercising his right to free speech. Perhaps the Chief of Police thought language beyond his mental comprehension must of necessity be incendiary. Perhaps he was given a hunch by some one "higher up." Whatever the motive, the fact remains that the arrest was unwarranted. Things have come to a pretty pass in Lincoln when men may be arrested and thrown into jail for discussing economic topics upon the streets. Does Mayor Love endorse that sort of thing? Does the excise board endorse it? Men who prize their American birthright want to know.

And if Socialist orators, why not the chronic political spielers of the old parties who are also guilty of violation of the sanitary code?

CALL OFF YOUR DOGS, MR. CHIEF OF POLICE!

each would repeat from the house tops the words of this advertisement so that every American in the country might know that he, his flag, his children and the parents who gave him birth have been brazenly insulted by this insolent Trust.

In Washington there sits a congress, the representatives of the American people. In the White House there is a man, William H. Taft, in whom Americans have placed their trust and confidence.

If these statesmen have ears let them hear the insulting words the Steel Trust spits into the face of the American workingman.

Let those men, in whose hands the people have placed the destiny of their fair land, know that this puling infant they coddle and nourish, is a hydra-headed monster spewing words of insolence upon Americans and the brain and brawn of the republic.

And if these men in Washington do not believe their ears, let them use their eyes. Let them look at the sore spots, the Poverty Rows, where there should be settlements of men and their families living like decent Americans. Or let them focus their eyes

sent, three cigarmakers were on deck and none of the Havelock delegates showed up. The ministerial union was represented by Rev. Mr. Zenor and Rev. Mr. Batten.

Treasurer Evans reported something over \$35 as the central body's share of the benefit at the Oliver. John Brown was seated as a new delegate from the Pressmen. Delegate Locker of the Typographical Union was excused, he being in St. Joseph attending the international convention of his union. Delegate Chase asked for some one to succeed him on the labor headquarters committee, as he expected to leave town for a time. I. E. Potter, of the Gloveworkers was elected. However, Mr. Chase has finally decided not to go.

When election time rolled around it looked for a time as if it would be necessary to draft candidates—following the example of the man who made a marriage feast and was then compelled to go out and hunt for guests. "For they began with one accord to make excuse." Finally after the smoke had cleared away the following were found to be the officers-elect:

UnAmericanism of Government Ownership" was roundly criticised. "Why don't he talk on a question of present interest?" hotly demanded one delegate. The body seemed to be of the opinion that the senator was trying to befog the issue by talking against government ownership instead of talking straight out on the subject of the tariff. Senator Burkett will sooner or later discover that the workmen of Lincoln are not as ignorant as they might be on the tariff question, nor quite so ignorant of the senator's actions as he may later hope for.

A committee was appointed to make some inquiries as to the cost of living and average rates of wages. Four weeks is the time limit given the committee to make its inquiry and frame its report.

A large tent that will seat 2,500 people is being erected in Folsom park at Tekamah for the purpose of holding Tekamah's first chautauqua assembly. The management and the local committee are sparing no effort to make it one of the best educational and entertaining assemblies ever held in the state. The best talent obtainable has been secured.

Mrs. F. H. Hebbard, who represented the Lincoln Auxillary, was honored by being made chairman of the laws committee. G. E. Locker of the local union was at the head of the publicity committee.

Monday the delegates and visitors took a trip up "Waterworks Hill." If you want to hear some emphatic language just ask the victims to tell you about it. Next week The Wageworker will try and print a few pictures snapped by one of the party. Tuesday evening the "Lincoln Bunch" had a "bass supper" at Ross' restaurant on Francis street. Those present from Lincoln were Mr. and Mrs. Will Bustard, Mr. and Mrs. Will M. Maupin, August Radebach, Conrad Schridt, Albert Barrett and H. C. Peate. Delegate Johnson of Ottumwa, Ia., and Harry Wager and wife, of Galesburg, Ill. were also of the party. Mr. Wager represented the Galesburg union. These three "foreigners" foregathered with the Lincoln bunch from the start, and they were a jolly addition to the party too. The St. Joseph News-Press of Wednesday evening published the following comment on the "fish fest":

"The Lincoln, Neb., delegation, ac-