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Temple Directors Get Busy With the Building

The board of directors of the Lincoln Labor Temple Association met in regular session last Monday evening, and it was the busiest and best meeting of the board since that fateful evening nearly two years ago when a few interested men first met and launched the project. Everybody was full of ginger, and not only were some lively plans mapped out, but they were put into operation that very night. As for the next day—well, there was some lively and successful hustling.

The contract for the purchase of the building was ratified and the terms accepted. F. A. Kates was selected to manage the work of remodeling the building so as to get it into immediate condition for occupancy. A committee was selected to visit unions and union men to secure stock subscriptions, and another was selected to visit business men and interest them in the project. Superintendent Kates was instructed to get the office room on the ground floor ready for immediate occupancy so that a cigar stock could be put in and the work of attracting men to the Temple begun immediately.

Word was received from the union cigarmakers that they would come to the front and supply the first stock of cigars without cost to the association. This announcement was received with applause.

Already a bunch of live electrical workers has torn out the old wiring so that the painters and paperhangers

can get busy. Just as soon as the carpenters, lathers and plasterers have finished the painters and paperhangers will get to work. The plumbers are going to take care of the changes in the plumbing, and the electrical workers are going to put in concealed wires just as soon as the building is ready for them. A large part of the work of remodeling will be donated by enthusiastic unionists.

The changes in the building will provide for four meeting halls on the second floor, each one equipped with an ample ante-room. There will be toilet facilities in each meeting hall,

and each hall will have plenty of light and ventilation. Two of the halls are amply large enough to accommodate the largest unions in the city.

T. C. Kelsey was selected to proceed with the work of collecting the money already pledged and has begun the work. Superintendent Kates is working diligently with a force of men getting the halls in shape for occupancy.

The board adjourned to meet Sunday morning at 8:30 o'clock at the Temple, and each director is requested to come with his working clothes on and bring a union friend or two. The meeting will be largely a physical one.

There is a lot of work to be done on the building before it is in shape for occupancy, but it is hoped that unions may begin meeting at the Tem-

quest of the defense a continuance was taken until next Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. Bond in the amount of \$500 was given by the defendant's attorney.

Ivey was elected treasurer of the organization when it was first organized and was bonded in the sum of \$500 by the Lion Bonding Co. After the union was fairly organized Ivey began missing meetings, and finally the union found that its international dues and assessments were not being paid. This was the first intimation of something wrong. A demand was made upon Ivey to come before the union and make a report, but this he failed to do, although he sent in the books without sending in any money. Later he left town and went to Omaha, where he secured employment on the Omaha street railway,

Electrical Workers Will Put Up a Hard Fight

One of the big fights that will be pulled off on the floor of the American Federation of Labor convention at Toronto next month will be that of the Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. The preliminary bouts have already been pulled off in the Ohio, Michigan and Iowa Federations of Labor, and in the central bodies of Toledo, Detroit, Buffalo, Denver, Syracuse, Newark, Fostoria and other cities.

Secretary Morrison has revoked the charters of the state and city organizations enumerated above because

they refused to unseat what the American Federation of Labor is pleased to call the delegates of a "dual organization" of electrical workers. The American Federation of Labor is backing the McNulty-Collins faction of the electrical workers, which represents less than twenty per cent of the total membership of the trade. The Iowa, Ohio and Michigan Federations of Labor refused to unseat the delegates of the Reid-Murphy faction, which is not recognized by the A. F. of L., but which holds the allegiance of 80 per cent of the members of the craft. It is a pretty fight, and when it comes up on the floor of the Toronto convention the fur will fly in fine style.

Be one of the number, and when it is all over and the Labor Temple is our very own, we'll organize a "Five Hundred Club" and adopt a badge of honor that will be worth while.

Members of the Lincoln local are enjoying a hearty laugh over the condescension of the McNulty-Collins faction. The faction recently held a national convention in Chicago and claims to have mustered a thousand delegates and visitors. Perhaps it did. But the funniest stunt it pulled off was to agree to let the Reid-Murphy adherents back into the fold upon payment of the current month's dues. As the Reid-Murphy faction is paying all death and disability claims and all sick benefits, while the McNulty-Collins faction is not paying anything, the Lincoln electrical workers are thankful to the McNulty-Collins faction for nothing. One member who knows something about his Bible says it reminds him of the fable Jotham related to Abimelech, the demagogue (Continued on Page Four.)

WILL YOU BE ONE OF THE FIVE HUNDRED?

THE BOARD of directors of the Lincoln Labor Temple Association wants *five hundred* or more union men in Lincoln and Havelock to subscribe for twelve shares of stock each in the corporation, paying one dollar down and one dollar a month for eleven consecutive months. If the board can get five hundred men to do this, the Temple will be paid for inside of eighteen months—a debt-free home for the unions and union workers of Lincoln, Havelock and University Place. Will you be one of the five hundred? If you will, call up Secretary Fred Ihringer, Auto 2560, any time between 6 o'clock p. m. and 7 o'clock a. m., and give him your name, place of employment and place of residence.

ARE YOU A WORKER?

A minister once remarked that church members were made up of workers, shirkers and jerkers.

The same is true of trades unions. The workers form the smallest number—workers for unionism. The shirkers are numerous, and the jerkers—those who start off with a rush and never finish—are the most numerous of all.

Are you a worker, a shirker or a jerker?

Workers are needed now to make the Labor Temple project a success. Workers who will go out and hustle, who will make sacrifices of time and money, who will go without sleep if they can see a dollar in it for the Temple. Will you be one? Or will you shirk your share of the work now, and then crawl in under the canvas when other men have made it a success by their tireless efforts?

The plunge has been taken—and the water's fine. A building has been purchased, and the work of putting it into the right shape for a union home is underway. But success is not yet achieved. That must come later—and you must help. There are dollars yet to be raised before the project is safe, and you must help with your dollars. Wind will not lift the mortgage. Hot air will not pay interest.

We are nearer the goal than ever before in Lincoln—the goal of a home beneath whose roof the union men and women of Lincoln may meet and feel that they are beneath their very own roof-tree—a home where we can talk shop, mingle with our fellow workers, educate ourselves and plan for better things. But the goal is not yet won. We'll have to buck the line a few times; we'll have to make an end run or two; we'll have to try a few forward passes. Are you ready to help carry the ball?

If you are willing to help work, if you are willing to put up a dollar or two—or three or four? If you are call up Fred Ihringer over the automatic phone and tell him so.

Do it now—right now, this minute!

Every time his phone rings Ihringer grabs a pencil and thinks of the dollars that we must have to make that Labor Temple ours—yours.

There will be no failure. Things are too well along for that. But the measure of success depends upon you—upon each one of us. The sooner you do your duty the sooner well be able to meet at the Labor Temple and sing:

"There is no place like home!"

Work—and shove the shirkers and jerkers to the rear.

ple by the first of the month. By that time the office room on the ground floor will be in use, and the workers will have a place of their own wherein to meet socially and where they can purchase union made cigars and tobacco. It is not necessary to assure the workers that only union made goods will be sold over the counter of the Labor Temple cigar stand. At the next regular meeting of the directors it is likely that a superintendent of the building will be selected, this man to have entire charge, managing the cigar stand and billiard room, attending to the renting of the halls, etc.

What the directors want now, and are endeavoring to secure, is money to meet the payments. It is proposed to secure the names of 500 men willing to pledge themselves to take twelve shares of the capital stock at the par value of \$1 a share, the first share to be paid for when the list is signed, and \$1 a month for eleven months beginning December 1. If this can be done the rest will be easy. There are a number of men who will take from two to five shares a month, but in addition to these the directors want 500 men to guarantee a dollar a month each. For the next month every union meeting will be called upon to listen to a committee having this part of the campaign in charge.

In the meantime, if there are those who want to make a lump subscription to the stock, let them call up Fred Ihringer, either at his home or at the composing room of the Press Publishing Co.

STEREOTYPERS ORGANIZE.

Get Back Into the Game and Will Stick Tight in Future.

The stereotypers of Lincoln have jumped back into the game, and they issue notice now that they are going to be a factor hereafter. For a year or two they have been hiding their light under a bushel, but in future it will shine.

Last week the Stereotypers and Electrotypers Union met after a recess of many months and re-organized by electing the following officers:

President, R. A. Radcliffe.
Vice President, R. F. Chevrant.
Recording Secretary, S. W. Acken.
In future regular meetings will be held and delegates will be sent to the allied printing trades council and the central labor union.

CHARGED WITH EMBEZZLEMENT.

Former Treasurer of Street Railway Organization Faces Serious Charge.

H. P. Ivey, a charter member of Division No. 522, Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employes, was arraigned in Justice Stevens' court Thursday on the charge of having embezzled the funds of the union coming into his hands. On re-

thus becoming guilty of "scabbing" on the men who had trusted and honored him. The officers of the local union then took steps to prosecute and swore out a complaint. Ivey was arrested in Omaha and brought to Lincoln and taken to the county jail in default of bond.

CENTRAL LABOR UNION.

Will Meet Tuesday Evening, Maybe for Last Time in Bruse's Hall.

The Central Labor Union hopes that its meeting next Tuesday night will be the last one held in Bruse's hall. Not that it has anything against Col. Bruse, nor against his hall, but because it hopes hereafter to meet under a roof owned by the union men of Lincoln and Havelock.

Tuesday night's meeting promises to be an important one. The Electrical Workers' scrap is due for an airing and that simply means fireworks if there is anyone who cares to touch them off. The matter of sending a delegate to the American Federation of Labor convention at Toronto will probably come up again, and there is a possibility of so arranging matters that the central body may be represented at a minimum cost.

THE PRINTERS.

A Few Bits of News About the Men of Machine and Rule.

The "Merg" has been taken from the Wood Printing Co. and transferred to the Searles Publishing Co., Sixteenth and O streets. The Wood Co. sold to good advantage.

Frank Coffey is working on the day side of the Journal-News these days. The "Merg" at University Place is running a double shift.

Business continues good, and the "subs" find themselves busy as most regulars.

When the union meets the first Sunday in November there is going to be some lively discussions—also some tall hustling for subscriptions to Labor Temple stock.

WE HUMBLLY APOLOGIZE.

Last week we stated that S. D. Smith had been nominated for assessor by the republicans of Havelock. We apologize to Brer Smith for getting the wrong political label on him, and we apologize to the democrats for not recognizing their compliment to a mighty good man. S. D. Smith is the democratic nominee for assessor in Havelock. With this slight correction the rest of what we said goes. But whether republican or democrat, Smith ought to get the vote of every worker in the shop city.

Great Britain now has close to 200,000 organized working women, and the number is steadily growing each year.

FOREWORD FOR UNIONS

The bond of unionism between all our workers, uniting us as brothers and sisters in this great Labor movement—a movement which has no class distinction, no differences in creed, color or nationality—is the greatest bond in the world. It is a bond of co-operation, self-sacrifice, endurance, fraternity and good fellowship.

We are all aiming towards one goal and to reach there is the great struggle. Sacrifices have to be made and suffering endured. No one can go that way alone, pushing his fellow worker to one side. This goal can only be reached by all going together—the men and women in all trades and kinds of labor, the strong helping the weak, and the weak often helping the strong.

The road to this goal is our Trade Union. This road is blocked at every turn we take. Some of the obstacles blocking our way are indifference, ignorance and prejudice caused by lack of knowledge and understanding of our movement and our great power—not realized because it has not been used.

But we push on. Sometimes when climbing, we slip back; but we go on again, never quitting, going slow—too slow for some, but surely. It is our cause that gives us strength through this long and hard journey. It keeps us alive, active, and fighting to win.

What is this goal that we are so determined to reach—the road to which is so rough and difficult to travel? That capital with all its power and forces is fighting so hard to keep us from attaining? Just our rights, with no privileges.

An eight-hour day and the Saturday half holiday; a just share of the wealth we are producing in return for our labor; the very best working conditions for our comfort and the preservation of our life and health; and the protection of our trades, not for ourselves alone, but for those who are to follow us.

No privileges. Just our rights.

AGNES NESTOR,

Secretary of the International Glove Workers' Union Organizer for the Women's Trade Union League.