

SOME SHOP KINKS.

An American Workingman Says Some Pertinent Things.

I passed through the main office the other day and saw hanging near the door the photograph of the oldest employee in the shop. Just beneath the picture, in the narrow margin of the card mount, was this legend:

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with the same firm for nearly sixty-five years means a good deal, both to the firm and to the workman. But I confess that I went away from that photograph with a funny feeling. I am sure that some of the strikes engaged in in this shop during the past sixty-five years were justifiable—as strikes go, of course. Striking is bad business at best, but once in a while a strike seems necessary. I wondered if that was really the best thing that could be said about a workingman. Never a striker! Well, I'm not looking for trouble, but I am more anxious about some other things in connection with my reputation as an American artisan than that I never went out on strike! I'm wondering what kind of a crowd we'd be if we all had the same kind of a record. I wonder, too, how the old man would classify Moses, the strike leader of that bunch of two million brickmakers who walked out because Pharaoh didn't do the square thing? Of course he couldn't frame Moses' photograph and write that epitaph beneath it, but I guess that Moses wouldn't care very much about that. He did accomplish some other things which probably overbalanced the crime of creating a labor fuss down in Egypt. But then Moses never worked for the old man, so it's pretty hard to tell what might have happened on either side.

There's one thing about the Super that we admire hugely. He never makes a splurge about "social welfare work." He tries to be decent to the men, doing the square thing about keeping the shop clean and paying fair wages—at least as far as the trade seems to permit. There probably isn't a man in the shop who feels that he is getting all that is coming to him. But the Super hasn't introduced any kindergartens or day nurseries, and such like, so that the firm may exploit the fact that they are running an "ideal" shop—as a good business proposition. That sort of thing may be a good advertisement so far as the public is concerned, but our boys would resent anything that seemed in the least like paternalism, somehow, that's the temper of the American workingman. He hates like the mischief to feel that anybody owns him or is trying to baby him.—Rev. Chas. Stelzle, in "Letters From a Workingman."

NOT AN ISSUE.

"Wet" and "Dry" Not at Issue in Campaign for Police Judge.

The matter of "wet" or "dry" is not at issue in the present campaign for police judge. The only question at issue is the election of a man who will impartially enforce the ordinances and rules legally enacted. This Judge Risser is pledged to do, and his personal inclinations will have nothing to do with his decisions. If the laws are bad it is up to those who enacted them to repeal them. If the laws are good they will remain upon the books. But whether good or bad, as long as they are the laws Judge Risser pledged himself to enforce them.

The attempt to inject the "wet" or "dry" issue into the campaign will react upon those who attempted it. The idea of electing a magistrate because he believes that a law should or should not be enforced, or should be "liberally" or "strictly" enforced, is repugnant.

Wage earners should not overlook the fact that while justice of the peace Judge Risser rendered a decision in the garnishee law that practically nullified that infamous law, and his decision has since been upheld by the supreme court.

UNDER WHICH FLAG?

The Perishing Hosts of Privilege or Victorious Democracy.

"In the last analysis this government rests upon the people. Courts, legislatures, executives get their legal authority from this high source. When we appeal from legislators and judges and presidents back to the people, we appeal to the final court of last resort in this country. Abraham Lincoln appealed to that court from the Dred Scott decision, and the Dred Scott decision was overruled. Charles Sumner and George W. Curtis appealed to it from the fugitive slave law enacted by a congress under the domination of the slave power and that law was overruled. Mr. Lincoln in discussing the Dred Scott decision declared that decision to be 'a portion of a system or scheme to make slavery national in this country'; and I am satisfied that the decision in the Danbury hatters' case is a part of a system or scheme to make scab labor national in this country.

"Slowly this great question is getting a hearing in our American court of last resort—the conscience of the people. We have considered it here today, and other groups great and small will consider it throughout the country, and at last the verdict will come in. That this verdict will be at last for the citizenship values of the many rather than the profit values of the few, who can doubt? The world movement of civilization is towards human rights. No man or set of men

can stand permanently in the way of this current in the affairs of men. Democracy will capture industry just as it has captured religion and politics. Shall we enlist with the perishing hosts of privilege or with the victorious legions of democracy?"—Raymond Robins.

GENERAL MENTION.

Brief Bits of News Picked and Piled From Many Sources.

Only one non-union tin shop left in Dubuque, Iowa.

Boston sign writers have secured an increase from \$3.50 to \$4 a day.

Employees of the La Crosse, Wis., Rubber Mills have organized.

International Association of Car Workers meet in Detroit, October 19. The meanest cur on earth is the fellow who is not honest with his fellow workmen.

The strike of the employes at the Massillon, O., Rolling Mill company has been settled.

Journeyman Tailors' Union in Chicago sent \$450 to aid the tailors in Sweden win their strike.

Boilermakers in Des Moines, Iowa, made a quick raise in scale—three days turned the trick. Asked for 40 cents and compromised at 37½ cents.

The Carpenters' Union of Spokane, Wash., is preparing to erect a \$20,000 hall in that city. The union has practically all the funds necessary to carry out the proposition.

After months of work the Illinois commission drafted a bill of thirty-three sections, thirty-one of which were unqualifiedly favorable to labor. It is said that the bill is now a law, and gives Illinois the best labor code in the country, if not in the world.

The Florida house of representatives has passed the Farris child labor bill, which makes it unlawful for children under fourteen years of age to work in factories, mines, etc., during the months when the schools are in session. Even Floridians are waking up.

Boston Sheet Metal Workers' Union has come to an agreement on the wage question with nearly all the employers. The present minimum wage is \$3.60 a day. Under the arrangement the minimum will be increased to \$3.75 on January 1 and the desired \$4 a day rate will go into effect on June 1 of next year.

In the Labor Press of Portland, Ore., we find a note of the organization at Hood River of forty men into an apple pickers' union. The new union finds favor with the growers as the agreement guarantees a standard pack and holds its members responsible for poor work done.

A splendid evidence of the fealty of the woman worker to principle was witnessed recently in the strike of the Ladies' Tailors in Chicago. When the strike was declared at Mandel Bros., and every man responded to the call, two out of three of the women helpers left their work rather than labor with the scabs that were brought in to fill the union men's places.

Central Labor Union meets Tuesday evening at Bruce's hall.

Be at the Labor Temple Sunday morning at 8:30, with your old clothes on. There'll be some work for you to do.

Louis Faulhaber is making an active canvass for sheriff, and he is receiving cheering assurances of support. He is a union carpenter who ought to receive the support and vote of union men throughout the county.

J. W. Dickson writes from Washington, D. C., to have his Wageworker sent there, so it must be that he is located.

Buy a block of Labor Temple stock and get into the building game. It is a wise and safe investment.

Chief Malone is making the patrolmen study the city ordinances. Isn't this cruel and unusual punishment?

WEISMAN IS HUSTLING.

Everybody Will Know He Has Been Running for Register of Deeds.

"A democratic nomination in Lancaster county is something of a handicap, I know," said John Weisman the other day, "but before this campaign is finished the people are going to know that there has been a live one running on the democratic ticket for register of deeds."

Mr. Weisman did not seek the nomination, but it was put upon him while he was visiting in Wisconsin. When he got home he decided to stand for it and make a campaign that would at least attract attention. So he is putting up a sample of hustling that would keep many a younger man going double time to equal.

John Weisman is a union man, and has been for forty years. In 1868 he helped to organize the Order of Railway Conductors, and he has been an active member ever since. He has served upon grievance boards time and again, and more than one man has been benefitted by his services. He has represented the Lincoln division at numerous conventions of the order, and he has held about every office in the division.

He is a veteran of the Civil War, having served four years and four

months, and is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. He is also an Odd Fellow, and a good fellow.

PRESSMEN GET BUSY.

Boys of Cylinder and Platen Get Into the Temple Game.

The Pressmen's Union met in regular session last Monday evening, and before they quit they showed that they were in the game right. Taking a long breath they dived deep into the Labor Temple project. Without a dissenting vote the local subscribed for 100 shares of Labor Temple stock, and then individual members came to the front with personal subscriptions. The committee from the directors of the Temple association was delighted with the reception accorded to it by the pressmen. The Pressmen's Union is not the largest union in the city by any means, but if all the rest of them would come across in proportion the Temple would soon be paid for.

Alex Weckesser, who has been foreman of the pressroom at the George shop for several years, has been compelled to quit on account of failing health. He will do some outside work for a time in the hope of getting his lungs and bellows back into shape.

Col. Yates has recovered from his blisters sufficiently to permit him to resume charge of the Claffin pressroom at University Place.

The pressroom force at the Western Newspaper Union is wondering when there will be a let-up. It has been hustling night and day for so long the boys have forgotten how to keep track of daylight and dark.

The Woodruff-Collins pressroom force declares that life is worth living since they got into the new quarters, where they have plenty of light and ventilation.

STATE FEDERATION OF LABOR.

Locals Should be Getting Ready for the January Meeting.

It is not too soon for Lincoln unions to begin figuring on who shall be their delegates to the first annual convention of the Nebraska Federation of Labor, which meets in South Omaha the first Tuesday in January. It is gratifying to know that every union in Lincoln has affiliated, and that Lincoln has more affiliated unions today than Omaha. As a matter of fact the Omaha unions have been very backward, while the Lincoln unions have come to the front in fine shape.

But it is expected that as convention time draws near the Omaha unions will get into line, for they will have plenty of schemes they will want to push through, and in order to get what they want they will have to have the delegates there. This spirit of rivalry is what makes success, but we want to tell the Omaha boys right now that they will have to go some if they have more delegates on the floor of the convention than Lincoln.

HITCH OVER CONVICT LABOR.

All construction work on the outside wall and the administration building of the state penitentiary in McAlester has been abandoned until the contractor can comply with an opinion rendered by the state attorney general regarding the contracting for convict labor. The contracting company has been employing 600 convicts at fifty cents a day in this work. The state constitution, however, forbids the contracting of convict labor. The state attorney general said that it would be possible for the convicts to be used if the state would make a contract and require the contractor to furnish everything except labor to employ the convicts for state purposes.—Record.

SAM PENNINGTON.

Sam Pennington, the gentlemanly young hustler who has been well known in the Lincoln advertising field for several years, left last week for Kansas City, where he will officiate on the advertising staff of "Motor," a trade paper. Mr. Pennington is a hustler who knows the advertising game, and we violate no confidence when we say he will make good in his new field. A host of Lincoln friends will wish him abundant success.

POLICE JUDGE RISSER.

Judge Risser announces himself as the republican nominee for re-election to the office of police judge for a second term. He has no platform other than his record for the impartial enforcement of the laws. He believes that it is the duty of a judge elected by the people to enforce whatever valid laws the people may enact.

ENLARGING ITS OPERATIONS.

It is reported that the United Cigar Stores company is making preparations to enter the drug trade by operating a chain of stores under the name of the Lauer Drug company. It is said that three stores in New York City have already been acquired, and it is expected to add to their until the company has a chain extending from the Atlantic to the Pacific.



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