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DO A MAN'S PART.

Mr. Union Man, are you doing a man's part in pushing the Labor Temple project to success? Have you contributed your share? Have you taken any interest in the movement looking towards providing the unions of this community with a home of their own?

Or are you either doing nothing or else "knocking" on the proposition?

There is an immediate need of manly men—self-sacrificing union men. There is a need of men who will step forward and say: "I'll do my share towards securing and maintaining a Labor Temple in Lincoln."

Will you be one of the five hundred or six hundred men who are needed and must be had at once?

If you are ready and willing to do a man's part, now is the time to make the fact known.

Among the Live Ones Here and Hereabouts

With the hope that the matter might be smoothed over or definitely settled almost any day, the fact that the local Electrical Workers' Union had ceased affiliation with the Lincoln Central Labor Union has been kept under cover for some time. The Electrical Workers, as loyal a bunch as every carried cards, withdrew their delegates some time ago, doing so because they did not want to complicate the local situation by having the charter of the central body lifted by the American Federation of Labor. The notice of withdrawal was read and the same accepted without comment, the delegates from other bodies fully understanding the situation. It is the hope of all that the unfortunate complication may soon be settled and that the local Brotherhood of Electrical Workers will again have its enterprising and faithful delegates on the floor of the central body.

And unless this complication is soon settled it threatens to work irreparable injury to the labor movement throughout the United States and Canada. As the matter now stands thousands of splendid union men are practically ostracized, and other bodies lose the help that has always been freely given.

Here in Lincoln the Electrical Workers number about 130, and they have taken the lead in every move looking towards the upbuilding of unionism. Their union is the largest stockholder in the Labor Temple. It has always furnished live committeemen for general purposes, and it has always come to the front with more than its pro rata share of all expenses. As the matter now stands this local union is under the ban and it is deprived of not only all the benefits of affiliation, but it is prohibited from giving a helping hand to other unions. This is going to hurt the other unions more than it will hurt the Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

The Toronto convention of the American Federation of Labor has no more important work than the settlement of this great trouble.

Perhaps we ought to feel sorry for John R. Walsh of Chicago, but somehow or other we cannot. He is an old man, broken in health and in fortune, and facing the doors of the penitentiary. A few years ago he was an arrogant, purse-proud, union-hating banker and railroad man. He plunged heavily, and in order to keep up his big deals he manipulated the books of his big Chicago bank. For this he was arrested, tried, convicted and sentenced to a term in the penitentiary. Of course he managed to stave off his sentence, but contrary to the usual order of things he was up against a prosecutor who couldn't see the difference between a rich malefactor and a poor devil. Now it looks as if Walsh would have to go behind the high stone walls. Maybe we ought to feel sorry for him. They tell us that a man of his social standing suffers more keenly than men of a coarser kind of clay. That may be, but our undeveloped mind fails to show us the difference between the

clay that makes a Walsh and the clay that makes a common laborer. Walsh used to run the Chicago Chronicle, the most violent union biter that ever was printed. He denounced every man who pleaded for higher ideals. Every man who refused to bow the knee to Baal was denounced by Walsh as an anarchist, a muckraker, a disturber, a traitor to the established order of things. He loved to cry "thief" at every man who opposed the Walsh methods. He had no sympathy for men who banded themselves together for social betterment. Now that he is up against the same thing that he handed his opponents, we find ourselves unable to muster up a single throb of pity for him, old and broken though he may be. John R. Walsh is reaping the whirlwind, and the harvest is from the seed of his own sowing.

There was a busy scene at the Labor Temple last Sunday. A big bunch of electrical workers showed up at 8 o'clock in the morning and began ripping out the old wiring and putting in new. Another bunch made up of plumbers set to work on the old and dilapidated plumbing and soon had it yanked out. Then the work of installing the new plumbing began. A bunch of carpenters sawed and hammered away for dear life, tearing up old floors, resetting doors, putting up and changing partitions and otherwise altering the interior. Members of other crafts flocked around and lent a helping hand wherever possible. Tomorrow (Sunday) a lot of men can be used to good advantage helping to get rid of the debris that lies all around. The wiring and the plumbing work will all be out of the road for the carpenters by Monday morning, and then the way is clear for a rapid completion of the work of alteration. Long before the first of December the Labor Temple will be ready for occupancy.

The cigarmakers cannot lend physical assistance in remodeling the Temple building, but they are going to show their sympathy in another way. Just as soon as the room is ready the cigarmakers are going to put in the first stock of cigars, contributing them as their share of the work of getting the Temple ready. The intention is to have the cigar stand and soft drinks emporium ready for business by the last of next week, and thus start the work of revenue producing without delay. If there is anybody in town who has a pool or billiard table they would like to donate to the Labor Temple, they will have no difficulty in accomplishing their desire.

The stereotypers are meeting regularly now and there is every indication that the boys are going to keep in the game at a lively gait. The union will meet the first and third Tuesdays in the month.

The teamsters are not receiving the support from union men and women that they are entitled to. This union

is struggling against hard conditions, and if ever there was a set of men entitled to more consideration it is the men who drive the wagons in a large city. Their work is fearfully hard, the hours are long and the conditions at their best are always bad. The local union ought to have the advice, sympathy and support of the older unions. It will help if when you order coal you will make a kick to have it delivered by a union teamster.

After an extended season of depression the cigarmakers are happy to report that business is on the upgrade. There are more cigarmakers at work in Lincoln now than at any one time during the last eight months, and the prospects seem to be growing brighter every day. They would be a lot brighter if more union men would act up to their avowed principles and demand union made cigars.

County Judge Cosgrave happened along by the Labor Temple last Sunday morning, and attracted by the sounds of activity he dropped in to see what was going on. He was taken in tow by some enthusiasts and the whole matter explained.

"How are you raising the money?" asked the judge.

"Selling stock at a dollar a share, and only enough to pay for the property," was the reply.

"It's the best project ever started in Lincoln!" exclaimed the judge, "and I want to help."

A minute later Judge Cosgrave was down for a liberal stock subscription, and he declared it would be bigger in the future. "I'll help because it means a lot for all of us," he said as he departed.

Sam Chaplin, who has been laid up with a severe attack of blood poisoning, is improving slowly, but he shows the effects of a hard seige. Sam was engaged in some repair work around his home a few weeks ago and scratched the back of his hand with a rusty nail. The result was a bad wound, and several operations had to be performed.

The pressroom force at the Woodruff-Collins printery is rejoicing over the installation of a press that is a wonder. It is used for large blanks and work of that nature, and it feeds automatically and prints single sheets at the rate of 3,500 an hour or more. It is a beautiful piece of machinery.

Heirs of union brickmakers and terra cotta workers who die while performing police or military duty will not be paid death benefits by the Brickmakers' and Terra Cotta Workers' International Union, by an amendment to their constitution put in force

on the 13th. The new rule affects members of the National Guard in all states in times of peace or war.

The unfair Butterick publishing Co. has taken over "Everybody's Magazine," the Butterick Co. increasing its capital from \$12,000,000 to \$15,000,000 in order to do the job. "Everybody's" has been paid for two years, and perhaps it will have the effect of squaring the Butterick concern. If not, we know a fellow who has read every number of "Everybody's" who will try and find something else.

STREET RAILWAY MEN.

Bits of News About Boys of Controller and Register.

The annual convention of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees at Toronto recently was the largest convention in the history of the association. It will be good news for the Lincoln men to hear that the 1910 convention will be held at St. Joseph, Mo., on the first Monday in September.

William D. Mahon was re-elected president without opposition, and in recognition of his splendid services in the past his salary was increased to \$5,000 a year. The salaries of the members of the executive board were increased from \$6 to \$7 a day. President Mahon and Organizers Pratt and Commons were elected to represent the association at the Toronto convention of the American Federation of Labor. Lincoln Division No. 522 will meet at midnight tonight (Saturday) and will take up some very important matters. It is to be hoped that there will be a full attendance of members.

C. E. Damewood returned to Lincoln from Perkins county the first of the week to arrange for the removal of his family to that county. Mr. Damewood is going to handle the controller of a breaking plow and cultivator, and try to ring up a big bunch of fares from the grain fields. He has a host of friends in Lincoln who will wish him unbounded success. The rumor about Omaha was absolutely unfounded in Damewood's case.

Ex-Treasurer Ivey, charged with embezzling the funds of the union, was arraigned before Justice Stevens last Tuesday and another continuance taken.

"DUG" SMITH.

The voters of Havelock ought to consult their own interests by making the election of S. D. Smith, candidate for assessor, unanimous. And the union men of Havelock ought to be his campaign committee. No better man for the position could be found in the shop city. We hope to chronicle Smith's triumphant election.

LABOR TEMPLE FACTS.

The Labor Temple directors must have \$2,000 in cash on December 1, 1909, or they will be up against it. They want 500 union men to pledge stock subscriptions of \$1 a month for twelve consecutive months. If 500 such men will step forward and make good, the board of directors will undertake to raise the rest.

But until the union men evidence a determination to secure a Labor Temple, the board of directors does not feel like approaching outsiders and asking for stock subscriptions. The Labor Temple will be a paying institution. No doubt about that. It will pay in dollars and it will pay in industrial and social betterment. It will mean better working conditions, better fraternal feeling, better wages, better men, better women and happier children. But the workers must show their interest by putting up their dollars. No one man is asked to give largely, but all are asked to give something.

Did we say "give?"

We meant to say that each man is asked to subscribe something—to invest something in a project that will pay big dividends.

If every union man in Lancaster county would invest a dollar a month for twelve consecutive months in Labor Temple stock, the unions would have a property worth \$25,000, and in addition to monetary dividends the stockholders would be receiving incalculable benefits.

What are you going to do about it?

If you are willing to help, notify Secretary Fred Ihringer. He has an automatic telephone. And if you are willing, notify him before you lay this paper aside. Do it now!

NO TIME TO KNOCK.

There is always a surplus of "knockers" in this world. What we need now is "boosters." And especially are "boosters" needed right now in Lincoln's union labor circles. There is a need for men who will "boost" the Labor Temple project, and "boost" hard.

Are you a "booster," or are you a "knocker?" By your actions are you judged.

The men who have been handling the Temple project have sacrificed their time and money. They have worked patiently and well, and they have accomplished a good work. But they can not carry the whole burden. They must have help—not "hot air," but the good old dollars, and the union men of this community to furnish the dollars.

A dollar from each of you right now will serve a better purpose than two dollars a year from now. Upon the "now" depends the whole future of the project. Come across.

First Union Meeting is Held at Labor Temple

The first meeting of union men in the new Labor Temple was held last Monday evening. It is true that the accommodations were not the best, but in view of all the circumstances the little bunch that met there felt mighty good. The seating arrangements consisted of a couple of boards on windowsills and boxes, and the lighting consisted of a couple of incandescents hooked to a long wire that was strung along a couple of floors.

It was a meeting of the directors of the Labor Temple Association, and while the atmosphere was chilly the meeting was warm enough. Everybody present was filled with satisfaction over the progress being made. True, the floors and ceilings are all torn up, partitions have been set but not yet lathed and plastered, the wiring is incomplete and the plumbing is in a chaotic condition as yet, but another week will see everything ready for the lathers, plasterers, painters and paperhangers.

What is needed now is money to rush the work along.

While electrical workers and plumbers have rushed loyally to the rescue and are doing their part of the work without money and without price, there are other crafts that could help that have not yet come to the front. A few carpenters could be used after hours. A laborer or two could be used to advantage an hour or two each evening. The lathers will do the lathing without cost when things are ready for them, and the painters and decorators are coming across with their share of the work needed.

But there are about 1,500 union men in the community who have thus far evidenced little interest. At least they have not shown up at the building, nor have they called up Secretary Ihringer to pledge themselves to subscribe a few dollars to push this excellent project along.

According to the reports made at Monday night's meeting about 100 men have pledged themselves to give \$1 a month for twelve months, taking it out in stock. There must be at least 400 more before success is assured.

A committee consisting of Ress and Rudy was appointed to frame up a schedule of rentals, and a report will be made at the next meeting.

Several bills for material were allowed, and warrants ordered drawn to pay them. The committee appointed to visit the various unions reported progress and a fair measure of success. This committee will keep busy for weeks to come. The committee appointed to confer with business men made a satisfactory report, and it, too, will be continued.

Several unions insist that the work be rushed so they can begin meeting at the Temple not later than December, and Superintendent Kates agrees to have everything in readiness if the unionists of the community will do their share.

Several individual pledges for stock subscriptions were reported, and these were above the average.

The board adjourned at 10 o'clock and unless the unforeseen happens all

future meetings will be held at the Temple.

It is pretty generally believed that three halls will be sufficient to accommodate all the unions and several fraternal societies, and if this is found to be true it is probable that one of the smaller halls will be devoted to library purposes, together with desk room for the secretaries of the various unions occupying the Temple. A good library is already assured, and Superintendent Kates will see to it that shelf room for the books will be provided. It has been suggested that a day be set apart as "Book Day" and all friends asked to visit the Temple and bring a good book—something along industrial and economic lines preferred.

But all this, of course, is contingent upon the unionists of the community bracing up and showing a deeper interest in the Temple project. The thing that must be had—and had right now—is MONEY.

A dollar may not seem much of a boost from one man, but a dollar from each unionist in Lincoln and Havelock means success. And unless these dollars come the project will fail.

But they are coming—just as soon as you start your dollars Templeward.

Tenants for the one store room are already in sight, and there promises to be some lively rivalry for its possession.

If all plans go right—and they will—the front of the building will be handsomely illuminated.

The Wageworker has announced that Secretary Ihringer will receive stock subscriptions over his house 'phone at any time between 6 p. m. and 7 a. m. He says he will stand for the announcement, but it is a little hard to crawl out of bed at 4 o'clock in the morning to take 'em—and he has had to do that very thing. He prefers a more reasonable hour, but under all the circumstances he'll gladly take 'em at any old time.

CHIEF MALONE.

Chief of Police Malone is putting the police force on the right basis. He insists that the patrolmen shall know the ordinances. He is remodeling the system of making reports, and he is cutting out a lot of the fol-de-rol and clap-trap injected into the police system years ago. In other words, he is bringing the force up to date. Chief Malone knows the police business from the ground up, and if given a free hand, like Chief Clements has in the fire department, he will be able to institute some much needed reforms.

THINK IT OVER.

John Weisman, democratic candidate for register of deeds, is a union man, an old soldier, a competent man and one of the oldest residents of Lancaster county. Isn't that a combination that appeals to you, Mr. Union Man? And doesn't it appeal to you, Mr. Taxpayer? This is the first time John Weisman has been a candidate for any office, with the sole exception of one campaign he made the race for the position of excise man.