

# WAGELWORKER

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### IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.

In future The Wageworker will appear under the joint management of the undersigned and Mr. W. P. Hogard, the firm name being Maupin & Hogard.

Mr. Hogard, who assumes the active business management of The Wageworker, is a member of the Typographical Union, and has had considerable experience in the newspaper publishing business. He has been employed at the State Journal job rooms for several months past.

I have felt impelled to take this step by reason of the many difficulties that have arisen during the almost six years The Wageworker has been conducted by me. The Wageworker was established after more than a half-dozen futile attempts to conduct a labor paper in Lincoln, and so far as the records show, this little labor paper is the only one that lived more than three or four months. For nearly six years it has appeared every week, although at times the outlook was pretty dark. But there have been loyal unionists who never faltered in their support, and The Wageworker has always managed to surmount the difficulties that surround it. I have been so busy attending to other duties that it has been impossible for me to give the business management the attention it ought to have, and it has been in the hands of others who did not, and in the very nature of things could not, take the interest that an active unionist and owner would take. For the Searles Publishing Co., which has had charge of the business management for the past five months, I have only the best of feeling, and the change here announced is in no wise due to any fault of that company. But I believe that the interests of The Wageworker, and thereby the interests of the union movement in this community, will be better served if an active unionist like Mr. Hogard is interested with me in the publication of the paper.

To the loyal unions and unionists who have stood by me during the six years of The Wageworker's existence I desire to express my hearty thanks, and to ask of them a continuance of that support under conditions that promise more of benefit to them. For Mr. Hogard I ask the same kindly treatment that has always been accorded to me, and if this shall be the case Mr. Hogard will have no regrets. I shall continue to edit The Wageworker and Mr. Hogard will attend to the business end of the paper.

I believe the best promise for the future will be to recall the past of The Wageworker. It is first an exponent of trades union principles, and never a partisan organ. It is, and as long as I am in editorial charge will be, entirely free from entangling alliances, and the only string attached to it is union made.

With renewed thanks to those who have been staunch in their support, and asking a continuance of the same under the new conditions, I am, Yours fraternally,

WILL M. MAUPIN.

### SALUTATORY.

I can only repeat what Mr. Maupin has said in the above, and then ask that I receive the hearty support of union men and women in this community in the measure that I shall strive to the utmost of my ability to merit. I am confident that The Wageworker can be of material help to the union men and women. That support I ask to be continued in the future in even greater measure than in the past.

W. P. HOGARD.

### THE COUNTY ELECTION.

The seasoned politicians admit that this is the most peculiar political campaign within their memory. There is absolutely no excitement, and the candidates have found it impossible to arouse any of the old-time excitement. This is a gratifying sign that the old days of partisan rancor are gone forever—glory be!

The Wageworker has no preferred candidates for justice of the supreme court or regents of the state university. It has only two preferred candidates for county office, and it cheerfully admits that its preference for them is founded on the fact that both are active members of the unions of their craft. In addition to this both of them are well qualified and if elected, as they should be, will serve the people with credit to themselves and

to the satisfaction of the taxpayers. Louis Faulhaber, democratic candidate for sheriff, is a member of the Carpenters' Union, and has been an active worker in the ranks of unionism for many years.

John Weisman, democratic candidate for register of deeds, is a member of the Order of Railway Conductors, and helped to organize that great order in 1868. He belongs to that faction of the membership that favors affiliation.

Both of these men are entitled to the support of unionists. More than that, they are entitled to the support of all men who want public officers who will devote their time and attention to serving the people faithfully and well.

The Wageworker is advocating the election of these two men because they are union men who are well qualified, not because they are democrats. It would support them if they were the republican candidates. Whatever else it may be, The Wageworker is not a partisan newspaper.

If the unionists of Lancaster county do their full duty next Tuesday, Louis Faulhaber and John Weisman will be elected.

### THE VAPORINGS OF ELIOT.

Ex-President Eliot is vamping again. He would have all trades and labor unions prohibited by law on various grounds that he sets forth. The trouble with Eliot is that he outlived his usefulness about thirty years ago. He is mentally incapable of grasping the facts of today, and he is living in the mental atmosphere of a long vanished yesterday. No one will take seriously anything that Eliot now sees fit to say. Rather is he to be looked upon as a harmless old man whose doddering mind makes him an object of pity rather than an object to be seriously considered. It is sad to see a man once so great mentally still living on with a mind so atrophied that it can not grasp present day conditions.

The friends of Eliot, the men who admire him for the great mind he once possessed, owe it to him to guard him zealously from the public, and keep him in the quiet retirement he has so well earned but which he is mentally incapable of seizing for himself. To allow him to run at large is to allow him to undo all the work he has done in the past.

And while Eliot is vamping against the unions, the unions are going right ahead with their great work of bettering industrial conditions, holding out hope to the otherwise hopeless, caring for the sick and distressed, feeding and clothing the widow and the orphan, and standing as a barrier between the greed of the few and the helplessness of the many. Long after the meory of Eliot has faded from the minds of men the trades unions will be alive, vital factors in the betterment of the race.

John Weisman, candidate for register of deeds, and Louis Faulhaber, candidate for sheriff, are the only union men who are running for county office. It should not be necessary to call the attention of union men to their union duty.

Dr. Leonhardt calls the Christian Scientists some awfully hard names, and there is a suspicion that the denunciation is not actuated wholly by humanitarian motives. Maybe the Christian Scientists are guilty of "scabbing" on the doctor's union.

In other words the Omaha & Council Bluffs Street Railway Co. has so much water in its stocks and spent so much to break down the union of its employees that it really cannot afford to give a six-for-a-quarter fare.

John Kirby, Jr., had his picture in the October number of "American Industries." It was also in the September, August, July, May and April numbers, and will be in the November and December numbers.

Ex-Game Warden Carter is very severe in his denunciation of the administration of Game Warden Geilus. Perhaps the prefix "ex" will help to explain Mr. Carter's viewpoint.

Police Judge Risser, republican candidate for re-election, is running on his record, and on his record alone. He deserves to win because his record is a clean one.

Wanted—Five hundred union men to pledge themselves to buy one share of Labor Temple stock a month for twelve consecutive months.

Every little bit helps! Drop your dollars into the Labor Temple fund and get a roof over your union's head.

The Labor Temple is a fact, not a theory. The necessary funds should be the next demonstratable fact.

Your dollar is needed to push the Labor Temple project to completion—and it is needed now!

Yes, union men have been guilty of

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swatting strikebreakers over the head with a club. And other union men will be guilty of doing the same thing in the future. But not because they are union men—just because they are men. Carrying a union card does not change human nature. And the professional strikebreaker usually gets what he deserves when he gets it.

President Kirby of the union busters declares that striking electrical workers have been guilty of putting acid on wires to destroy the insulation. We think he is wrong. The chances are that since John's stomach soured on the unions he accidentally spit on the wires.

Every now and then we see the spectacle of a man pausing in his union argument long enough to roll a cigarette out of "Puke's Mixture" or "Steer Done'em."

The union men of this community must not "grape nut" the Labor Temple project.

### SOME QUEER ACCIDENTS.

Anatomical Parts That Are New to Most of Our Readers.

An exchange in glancing over the papers has discovered a number of cases where persons have been injured in various parts of the anatomy. Here a few of the cases: While Miss Kinsure of East Wing, Indiana, was coming down stairs Tuesday she bruised herself on the landing. Amos Mittleby, while harnessing a fractious horse, was kicked just south of the corn crib. He is able to be around again. While Harold Green of Beulah, Mississippi, was escorting Miss Violet Goof home from church Saturday night a savage dog set upon them and bit Mr. Green four times on the public square. Joseph Tutt of Grinnelsburg, Iowa, climbed on the roof of his house last week to find a leak and slipped and fell, striking on his back porch and causing serious injuries. Isalah Timmer of Doherry, Neb., was playing with a cat Friday when the animal scratched him on the veranda.

### THE "SCAB" LOST.

Didn't Like the Name and Sued for Heavy Damages.

A very interesting case has just been decided in the New York supreme court, Judge John Ford presiding. One of the scabs in a recent strike in

which the bookbinders were engaged brought suit for \$15,000 against Mr. James W. Dougherty, editor of the International Bookbinder, for libel for terming him a scab in the official journal.

Judge Ford dismissed the case, holding that the word "scab" had become one of daily use, and that while it might be regarded as an opprobrious term among union people, among employers it was a term of honor.

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ARE YOU DEALING WITH THEM?—THE HOME MERCHANTS.

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### VOTE FOR WEISMAN.

The union man who votes for John Weisman for register of deeds votes for a staunch union man, for a man who is interested in industrial questions from the unionist's viewpoint, for a veteran of the civil war and for a citizen who has contrived one workingman's share towards the upbuilding this community.

### THE COST OF LIVING.

The actuary of the Chicago labor unions has sent to Ethelbert Stewart of the United States Department of Commerce and Labor a report on the increased cost of living which the unions urge shall be made a supplement of a report that Stewart is now

preparing for the department on the occupational risks of working men. The figures contain the startling assertion that the cost of living has doubled since 1904. The report argues that the wages of workers have not increased more than 20 per cent and that the net result is the decrease in wages through a reduction in their purchasing power of 30 per cent. In other words, the man who earns \$100 a month now is not getting more than the man who was paid \$70 in 1904.

### TO ORGANIZE BLACK HILLS.

Unions Take Steps to Add Workmen in Camps.

Lead, S. D.—A mass meeting of the miners from the Lead and Central unions was held in this city with the object of bringing into the unions all of the men working in the two camps. Hitherto there have been a large number of men in both this city and Central, employed by the Homestake, not belonging to the unions. Within the last few weeks, however, great efforts have been made to persuade all of the workers to affiliate with the unions. The membership has grown rapidly and the matter reached an apparent culmination yesterday when the following resolution was passed:

"Whereas, A resolution adopted on October 10 calling upon all workers in this jurisdiction to join the W. F. of M., has been quite generally complied with; therefore be it

"Resolved, by us, the members of the Lead City Miners' Union No. 2, W. F. of M., and Central City Miners' Union No. 3, W. F. of M., in joint session assembled, that all men neglecting or refusing to become members in good standing of the local in whose jurisdiction they may be working on or before November 25, 1903, will be declared unfair to the W. F. of M., and be it further

"Resolved, That we, the members of the aforesaid unions refuse to work with any and all men who become unfair to our organization by or through refusing to comply with the provisions of this resolution."

### FAIR BARBER SHOPS.

You Will Find the Union Card in the Following Places.

When you enter a barber shop, see that the union shop card is in plain sight before you get into the chair. If the card is not to be seen, go elsewhere. The union shop card is a guarantee of a cleanly shop, a smooth shave or good hair-cut, and courteous treatment. The following barber shops are entitled to the patronage of union men:

- George Petro, 1010 O.
- J. J. Simpson, 1001 O.
- 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.

### UNION PRINT SHOPS.

Printeries That Are Entitled to Use the Allied Trades Label.

- Following is a list of the printing offices in Lincoln that are entitled to the use of the Allied Printing Trades label, together with the number of the label used by each shop:
- Jacob North & Co., No. 1.
  - Chas. A. Simmons, No. 2.
  - Freie Presse, No. 3.
  - Woodruff-Collins, No. 4.
  - Graves & Payne, No. 5.
  - State Printing Co., No. 6.
  - Star Publishing Co., No. 7.
  - Western Newspaper Union, No. 8.
  - Wood Printing Co., No. 9.
  - Searle Publishing Co., No. 10.
  - Kuhl Printing Co., No. 25.
  - 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.

San Diego, Cal., carpenters have arranged with a physician of that city to address the union on the methods of combatting tuberculosis.