

CENTRAL LABOR UNION

HOLDS FIRST MEETING IN THE NEW LABOR TEMPLE.

Receives Communication From Retail Grocers and Will Meet Them in Important Conference.

The Central Labor Union met last Tuesday evening, and had the pleasure of deliberating in Hall No. 3 of the Labor Temple. While the furnishings were not complete, there was seating capacity for all, and the lighting was brilliant. The attendance was the largest for many months, showing that the Temple is going to be a drawing proposition for all the unions.

Delegate Quick called attention to the proposition to have letter boxes attached to street cars, and said the Carpenters' Union would oppose it. Rev. Mr. Zenor rather favored the plan until he learned the reason why organized labor opposed it, and then admitted that the opposition was soundly based. It was generally declared that under Postmaster Sizer Lincoln had an almost ideal mail delivery and collection system, and the central body had no hesitancy in giving Mr. Sizer the credit. But the central body was opposed to the street car collection of mail, and for obvious reasons. It was also broadly stated that the Traction company was inclined to push the agitation in order to divert the public mind from present conditions. A committee was appointed to draft resolutions clearly explaining why the trades unionists were opposed to the plan.

It was decided that after January 1 the central body would change its meeting nights to the second and fourth Fridays in the month, and that from and after the second Friday in January the meetings would be in Hall No. 1 of the Temple. The last meeting of the present year will be held on Tuesday, December 28, in Hall No. 3.

A communication was received from the Retail Grocers and Butchers' Association. It seems that the association is laboring under the impression that the central body as a body is opposed to the proposition to impose a license of \$100 a year on itinerant peddlers. The central body has taken no action on this matter, but after listening to the communication from the association appointed a committee consisting of Messrs. Quick, Zenor and Maupin to confer with that body at the earliest practicable moment. The communication from the Retail Grocers and Butchers' Association was as follows:

"Lincoln, Nebr., December 14.—To the Lincoln Central Labor Union: We have been informed that on account of a certain petition now before the license committee of the city council, requesting the favorable consideration by that body of a proposition to increase the 'tramp peddler' license from \$15 to \$100 a year, payable annually, some of your members have criticized our action on this matter. 'Believing your members to be honest, broad-minded men, and men who are ready to do what is best for the greatest number of people at all times, we take the liberty of explaining to you our position so that we may not be misunderstood.

"What the Retail Grocers' and Butchers' Association requests of the city council is this: That the license be raised from \$15 to \$100 a year, and for the following reasons—first, to keep out the tramp peddler who comes in here for a day or two, or for a week or two, and then drops out of sight. Second, the man who takes out a license becomes a citizen of Lincoln, the same as you or us, and is in business the same as we are. Third, if a member of your family buys potatoes or apples, or any other merchandise, from a tramp peddler, and after the peddler has gone you find your potatoes or apples short measure, or that the potatoes have been frost-bitten, how are you going to have the wrong righted? Fourth, the man who pays a license of \$100 becomes a Lincoln citizen, and he would no more dare go to your homes and give short weight or measure than any reliable grocer would, and if he did so the peddler or grocer could be found and you would have recourse. Fifth, the retail grocers and butchers are not trying to combine in order to raise prices. Any of your members are welcome to attend any of our meetings at any time. At these meetings the question of prices is never mentioned, and never will be. Sixth, the retail grocers and butchers are not trying to stop, or requesting the stopping, of peddling. They are asking for a raising of the standard of peddlers.

"Believing you gentlemen, after understanding our position on this matter, will take hold and help us to get favorable action from the city council, we remain, yours very truly,

"LINCOLN RETAIL GROCERS & BUTCHERS' ASSOCIATION."

A committee was appointed to look into the matter of unfair printing done for the state, this committee to act in conjunction with and under the direc-

tion of a similar committee from the Typographical Union.

Under "conditions of trade" some cheering reports were made, showing that despite weather conditions work was good in almost all lines.

STANDING BY HOME WORKERS.

A Little Lesson That Some Lincoln Men Could Profit By.

The following from the Cedar Rapids, Ia., Tribune ought to be of interest to a lot of Lincoln people, especially to some business men. It tells an interesting story of loyalty to home institutions, and that kind of loyalty is sadly in need of a tonic in this man's town. The Tribune says:

"The Des Moines Bridge and Iron company is one of the most notorious unfair concerns in the country, and their hatred of union labor is expressed at every opportunity. It is therefore with pleasure that any contract lost by this concern is hailed by us who believe in that for which united labor stands. By some unknown method this crowd from Des Moines secured a large contract from the electric light and power company of this city, but when the matter was laid before Bill Dows and Ike Smith by a delegation from the Structural Iron Workers, headed by Harry White, these two gentlemen promptly canceled the contract and gave the work to the Hansell-Elcock company, a strictly union concern, who have agreed to give employment to the local mechanics who spend what they earn among local merchants and occasionally purchase tickets on the Interurban. This action following so closely upon that of Mr. Warriner who chased the same firm and prevented their erection of his new building upon Third avenue west may have a good effect. At least it will keep many a hard earned dollar in circulation in this city where it is earned."

HONORS PRESIDENT BERRY.

Chicago Pressman Pays Tribute to Head of Its International.

Some months ago a Chicago unionist attracted attention by dedicating his child at its baptism to the cause of organized labor. Now comes another zealous trades unionist who names his child in honor of the president of his international union. Charles B. Crowley has named his youngest son George Leonard, in honor of President George L. Berry, of the International Pressmen's Union. Mr. Crowley was appointed an organizer of this union two years ago and is now a candidate for secretary and treasurer in the referendum election soon to be held by it.

Alec Weckesser is out of town for a few weeks, just sort of rusticiating around for the benefit of his health. He is missed from both the Labor Temple board and the central body.

Billy King occupied a front seat the opening night of the Johnson-Ketchell pictures and gave as his expert opinion that Johnson wasn't half trying. Billy says the "big smoke" will get his'n when he gets into the square ring with Jeff.

The press feeders of San Francisco are asking for an increase and have submitted ample reasons why they should have it.

THE CHRISTMAS WAGWORKER.

Here it is, and We Feel Rather Proud of Its Appearance.

Here is the Christmas Wagworker, and we are quite sure you will pardon us if we feel rather proud of it. It is union made from cover to center—that is, all the work thereon was done by union men. We hope the paper is union made, but we don't know.

All the mechanical work was done in the office of the Western Newspaper Union, where The Wagworker has been printed for almost six years. Good bunch of mechanics there—compositors, stereotypers, pressmen and press feeders. Time and again The Wagworker has acknowledged the good work and the kindly offices of the W. N. U. force, and it is glad to do so again on this occasion. Because of their kindly interest this issue is out on time, looking as pretty as a picture and feeling as happy as a boy with his first pair of boots.

AMONG THE PRINTERS.

Superintendent Deacon Again on the Carpet for Old Cause.

The Pueblo Industrial Review of last week contained the following article that will be of interest to the union printers of Lincoln:

"The management of the Union Printers' Home was on the carpet at Label League meeting last Friday night. The delegates from the Bakers' union brought in a complaint that the superintendent was employing a non-union baker and that the union scale of wages was not being paid. The further charge was made that one of their members had paid \$2.50 for the position at a Denver private employment office, when the order could just as well be sent to the Bakers' union, etc. The delegates from the lo-

cal Typographical union took part in the discussion that followed and stated that they, and the union printers at large, were paying their regular ly assessments to support the Home, and it was certainly their wish that nothing but union people should be employed there in doing work unions claimed jurisdiction over, such as engineers, bakers, cooks, etc., but that the matter of engaging the employees was in the hands of Superintendent Deacon. The matter ended with the secretary being instructed to communicate with Mr. Deacon and the trustees of the Home with instructions to tell them that the League and organized labor in general insisted on the Home employing union people in the places that craft unions claimed jurisdiction over."

From various sources comes the interesting information that President Lynch is going to have some real opposition for re-election. And it is not going to be another Hudspeth fiasco, either. Edward Wright of Chicago is being touted as a candidate and is known to have considerable strength in certain quarters. Wright made a half-hearted bluff at a caudicity several years ago, but somehow or other he didn't go through with it. J. J. Dirks of St. Louis would like to take a try for the first vice-presidency. The Los Angeles situation is bound to cut a big figure in the campaign. Just now the executive council is making against certain Los Angeles members the same charges that Shelby Smith was hung upon at Toronto five years ago—the charge of "giving aid and comfort to the enemy." Maybe the Los Angeles boys will file some charges. They might quote in extenso the charges preferred by the executive council against Smith.

Locally work continues on the hummer, everybody being at work who really wants to work. The Christmas rush began early and is setting a lively pace.

BUT HE SUPPORTED TAFT.

Edward A. Moseley Stands Up For Organized Labor Steadily.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Edward A. Moseley, secretary of the interstate commerce commission, is the most devoted union labor man in the public service. The charge is constantly made by non-union people that Moseley will have none but union men in the division of safety appliance inspectors, of which he is the head; and Moseley always admits the charge and defends his position and he always carries his point, too.

Moseley is credited with having a big share of influence in convincing the railroad voters that Taft deserved their support. The other day he went to the white house to see the president, and on leaving a friend asked after his health.

"Never better," replied Moseley. "You were mighty sick about two years ago," observed the friend, "but seem to be better than ever now."

"Yes," replied the secretary, "I am a firm believer in the brotherhood of man and in all good works, and no malicious animal magnetism ever gets action on me."

"Um, yes," replied his friend, "but I guess you're a still more devoted believer in the brotherhood of locomotive engineers."

FOR WORKING WOMEN.

Mrs. Valesh Will Initiate a Strenuous Campaign in New York.

Mrs. Eva McDonald Valesh, assistant editor of the American Federationist, the official magazine of the American Federation of Labor, has resigned from that position, and will remove to New York City. Mrs. Valesh has been with the American Federationist for the past eight years and has been closely identified with President Gompers in his work. She is going to New York to enter a somewhat wider field of lecturing and writing for the labor movement, more especially in the explanation to the general public of the aims and objects of the trade union movement. Mrs. Valesh will also resume her letters to labor journals dealing with live industrial questions. Her address in New York will be 23 West 44th street.

Mrs. Valesh has for many years been known as a writer and speaker on labor topics, more especially those connected with women and child labor. She expects to initiate in New York a strenuous campaign for the organization of working women. Mrs. Valesh retains her commission as a general organizer of the American Federation of Labor.

A SPLENDID SHOWING.

Postmaster Sizer Has Figures to Show Lincoln's Prosperity.

Postmaster Sizer has the figures to show that Lincoln is enjoying constantly increasing prosperity. The postal receipts of a city are a good index of its volume of business, and Postmaster Sizer submits a comparative statement showing that the Lincoln postoffice business in November,

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IF THE FRIEND IS A BACHELOR, WE SUGGEST

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THESE WOULD DELIGHT A WOMAN

Lognettes, \$5.75 and up. Chocolate Sets, \$8.00 to \$25.00. Guard Chains, \$3.50 to \$25.00. Cologne Bottles, \$1.25 to \$15.00. Lockets, \$2.00 to \$50.00. Jewel Boxes, \$2.25 to \$15.00. Opera Glasses, \$4.00 to \$30.00. Silver Pencils, 25c to \$3.00. Hat Pin Holders, \$2.25 to \$10.00. Back Combs (Gold), \$7.50 to \$10.00. Puff Boxes, \$2.50 to \$20.00. Bracelets, \$2.50 to \$40.00. Salvage Boxes, \$1.25 to \$3.00. Rings, \$1.50 to \$25.00. Tooth Powder Boxes, \$2.25 to \$3.00. Diamond Rings, \$10.00 to \$500.00. Talcum Boxes, \$1.25 to \$3.00. Brooches, \$1.50 to \$15.00. Nail Files, 75c to \$2.50. Card Cases, \$1.50 to \$12.00. Nail Polishers, \$1.75 to \$7.50. Beauty Pins, 50c to \$15.00. Cloth Brushes, \$3.75 to \$9.00. Umbrellas, \$5.00 to \$15.00. Hair Brush and Comb, \$5.00 to \$12.00. Toilet Sets (Silver), \$5.00 to \$40.00. Manicure Scissors, \$1.25 to \$3.00. Pendants, \$5.00 to \$50.00. Sewing Sets, \$1.50 to \$12.00. Necklaces, \$2.50 and up. Manicure Sets, \$6.00 to \$35.00. Belt Buckles, \$2.50 to \$10.00. Bodkin Sets (Silver), \$1.25 to \$3.50. Hat Pins, 25c to \$5.00. Picture Frames, \$2.50 to \$10.00. Chain Bags, \$4.50 to \$15.00. Gold Clocks, \$2.50 to \$25.00. Watches, \$5.00 to \$100.00. Candelabras, \$4.00 to \$15.00. Cut Glass Vases, \$2.50 to \$25.00.

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1909, increased 24 per cent over the business during the same month of 1908. The increase was \$5,486.38.

And this is a good place to make mention of the fact that the Lincoln postoffice is now equipped with the best force in all its history. This statement means nothing derogatory of former postmasters, for the efficiency of any postoffice must constantly increase or the Washington officials will want to know why. To Postmaster Sizer, and everyone of his staff, The Wage-worker wishes a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

OPEN FOR BUSINESS.

Temple Cigar Store Now Ready to Supply Your Union Wants.

The Labor Temple cigar stand is now open for business, and it has on hand a fine line of union-made cigars, and smoking and chewing tobacco. On your life do not ask the man behind the show case for "scab" tobacco of any brand. Only union made articles in the tobacco line are allowed on sale. The stock of candy may not be union made, but it is at least "Lin-

coln made," and that helps a lot.

Wives of union men who may wish to buy hubby a box of Christmas cigars should confer with the manager of the Temple "Smokery." Hubby will doubly appreciate the smokes if wifey buys them at the Labor Temple.

TIME TO CHANGE.

Local Charity Organization Run Too Much on Machine Methods.

On several occasions The Wage-worker has heard complaints concerning the conduct of the local charity organization, and once or twice it has called attention to what it deems altogether too much red tape about the way aid is extended the needy. Doubtless you have heard of the "Organized charity, skimped and iced, in the name of a cautious, statistical Christ."

There seems to be altogether too much of that sort of thing about the Lincoln Charity Organization presided over by Mr. Prevey. The State Capital pays its respects to the organization in the following language, which The Wage-worker endorses:

"In the affairs of the local charity organization there is entirely too much red tape before relieving actual cases of need, and too much parade of furnishing sleeping places for tramps.

"Think of a woman in pressing need of groceries, and with a sick husband to nurse, being compelled to 'make a skirt, a child's apron, two dress aprons, a big kitchen apron,' under the direction of the charity officer, before receiving the needed food.

"Charity, forsooth! If an organization officer had to wait on the cashing of a salary voucher as long as that hungry woman had to toll and wait on such devilish charity it would break his heart.

"The report of this case is found in the morning papers and therefore must be correct."

The Star is very unkind to furnish the figures showing that Senator Burkett is 49 1/4 per cent LaFollette and 50 1/2 per cent Aldrich. By furnishing the figures the Star has made it difficult for our esteemed senior senator to balance much longer on the top rail of the g. o. p. fence.