

# WAGeworker

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\* TO LABOR UNIONS. \*  
\* Will you assist us by ap- \*  
\* pointing some one in your \*  
\* union to furnish us with news? \*  
\* The Wageworker wants to pub- \*  
\* lish the news of your local, and \*  
\* in order to do so must have \*  
\* your assistance. It is our aim \*  
\* to give our readers all the la- \*  
\* bor news that is to be had and \*  
\* we wish to do it properly, so \*  
\* that you will be satisfied. By \*  
\* helping us in this way, you not \*  
\* only make this paper more val- \*  
\* uable and complete, but your \*  
\* knowledge of what is going on \*  
\* in the labor movement is bet- \*  
\* ter and the good feeling among \*  
\* the various crafts is more \*  
\* strongly cemented. When this \*  
\* fellowship idea is instilled thor- \*  
\* oughly among us there is less \*  
\* likelihood of a break in the \*  
\* ranks and it is certainly need- \*  
\* ed at the present time. \*  
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PROBABLY AN OVERSIGHT.  
In making up their reviews of 1909, and pointing out the prosperity of Lincoln and the causes contributing thereto, the esteemed Star and Journal overlooked something. They told us considerable about the "retired farmers" who have come to Lincoln to educate their children; they told us of the investments made by men of money in this or that enterprise; they told of manufacturing establishments that have branched out—everything in fact, save the one important cause of it all—LABOR.

Did any of them mention the fact that during the year just passed the workmen of Lincoln have loyally supported every home enterprise that gave labor any consideration whatever? Did any of them mention the fact that the bulk of the money that was spent with local merchants was spent by an army of wage earners whose toll has, more than any other agency, contributed to the upbuilding of Lincoln? Did the esteemed Star or the esteemed Journal, in animadverting on the gratifying increase in real estate values, point out the fact that the increase was due in largest measure to the men who work for wage, and not to real estate speculators, wholesalers or manufacturers?

During the year 1909 organized labor in Lincoln conducted its affairs conservatively. Every move was made with a view to securing the best for Lincoln as a whole. With cost of living practically doubled, and wages organized labor precipitated no labor disputes. While many who are forever prating about "standing up for Lincoln" were importing mechanics in order to get more work for less money, Lincoln mechanics pursued the even tenor of their way and daily practiced what others only preached.

The story of Lincoln's prosperity during 1909 is incomplete without proper acknowledgment of the services rendered to the city's upbuilding by the union men and women of the city. They earned and spent with Lincoln merchants upwards of \$2,000,000. The small order houses of Chicago get very little money from Lincoln workers. What they get is the money of the "retired farmers," of whom we hear so much, and the money of the would-be swells who can not find things good enough for them in Lincoln's big stores, and must either go or send to Chicago.

The lawyers of Lincoln might boycott the Lincoln business institutions, and nobody but the lawyers would be the wiser. The physicians might boycott Lincoln concerns, and only the physicians would be the wiser. Any profession might put the bars up against Lincoln business institutions, and those institutions would never know it unless they were told. But let the union men and women of Lincoln take that action, and the bankruptcy courts would soon begin grinding overtime.

Lincoln unionists are loyal to Lincoln and her institutions. They are always ready and willing to do their share towards making this a bigger, a cleaner and a better city. It is their toll that has made made property

values greater. It is their sweat that has increased the volume of Lincoln business. It is not yet too late for the esteemed Star and esteemed Journal to make proper recognition of the part organized labor played in building up Lincoln during 1909.

"WEAK" NEWSPAPERS.  
The Journal, referring to the probable license fight in Lincoln during the coming spring, makes mention of what it is pleased to call "weak newspapers." The Journal should have been more specific, and probably would have been had it not been afraid of making a personal reference to itself. So far as The Wageworker is informed, the Journal is the only newspaper in the city that has found it necessary to bolster up its counting room by making incorrect statements about men, public and private, and then charging those men high advertising rates for space in which to publish corrections.

The Wageworker confesses that it does not know of a single reputable newspaper in Lincoln that is so "weak" that it depends for sustenance upon what money it might secure by espousing the "wet" side of the coming controversy. The Journal is a republican newspaper, but it willingly sells advertising space to democratic candidates. There are those who openly charge that the Journal boosts this branch of its advertising business by making charges it knows to be unfounded in order to induce its political opponents to buy space in which to publish the facts. So far as we know no other newspaper in Lincoln has ever shown a similar "weakness."

After careful consideration of the Journal's rather remarkable statement we have come to the conclusion that our esteemed daily contemporary has an ulterior motive. It may be that the Journal is waiting to see which side of the question it would be most profitable to land upon, and that it is paving the way for a charge of bribery or intimidation against the newspapers that do not see it to support the side which the Journal finally lands upon.

Are we a wiz? Last Tuesday week we wrote a paragraph for last Saturday's issue, stating that we felt it in our bones Post was about to break loose again. And he broke loose on the following Sunday. Once more we ask, are we a wiz?

The Wageworker did not turn any column rules when King Leopold of Belgium died. If old Leopold is getting what he deserves we are willing to have our average of heat remain low for a time.

Let's have the commission form of municipal government, by all means; but let us go to it on a business basis and not along the lines of ideals that the late Senator Ingalls would call "d—d iridescent dreams."

The Wageworker will be glad to give your union's annual ball all the publicity possible, but you will have to give us the facts. The editor is not a mind reader.

See that Man walking so Proudly in the Street? He is a Union Man, and He owns some Stock in the Labor Temple. How do we know he is a Union Man and the owner of some Labor Temple Stock? That is Easy. Because He walks so Proudly.

There is no reason why 1910 should not be made the banner year in the history of trades unionism in Lincoln. All that is required is that you shall do your part towards that end.

No, the Davenport tract is not subject to overflow, but inside of one short year the editor of this paper saw it when it came near requiring a rowboat to reach it from H street west of Twentieth.

Let us give Mr. Post credit for the courage of his convictions. He doesn't beat about the bush like some of them. But giving him the credit that is due him does not mean that we should buy ruffles and "rats" for the ex-stenographer by adding to Charley's profits from the sale of near-food.

Good books on social or economic topics will be gladly received by the Labor Temple management. Let us all try and get together a good library for the Temple.

The annual "clearing sales" are on in Lincoln. The best bargains for union men and women will be found advertised in the columns of The Wageworker.

It is a chilly day when some Omaha publication does not tell a deliberate and downright falsehood about the enforcement of the "dry" rule in Lincoln.

The more we look at the Lincoln Labor Temple the prouder we are

that we belong to a Lincoln trade union.

The best business men in Lincoln are still telling how pleased they are with what they saw at the Labor Temple opening.

Wish some of those Omaha unionists would come down to Lincoln and get a little inspiration for "team work."

With a union made "Buck" stove on the market we can just see Jim Van Cleave biting himself with rage.

"Charity vaunteth not herself; is not puffed up."

Have you forgotten to demand the label since the first of the year?

UNION MADE DOPE.  
Ground Out By a Card Man in The Wageworker's Sanctum.

(The following rhyme was written by the editor of The Wageworker and appeared originally in these columns. It has been going the rounds of the labor press until the proper credit has been lost. It has been variously credited to different labor papers, and in one or two instances signed by names unknown to the real author. It is republished for the simple reason that the author labors under the belief that if there is any credit due for its authorship he is entitled to it.) He declared that he was loyal to the union workers' cause

And he ranted of his staunchness without any halt or pause. He would spout of unionism, from the dawn till set of sun, And said that as a booster he would surely rank A-1. He would spout upon the corner and he'd spout within the hall, And he spouted in the bar-room till he'd make the ceiling fall. When he saw the non-union workers he'd fairly writhe with rage— But he clear forgot the label when he spent his weekly wage.

He would rise up in the morning with his talk works running free, And he'd holler unionism till as hoarse as he could be. He would damn the "scabs" a plenty, but he clearly loved the most. To heap curses loud and hearty on Van Cleave and Sawdust Post. He was always loudly walling that the honest workman Got the lemon handed daily by the "scab" employment clan Early morning, noon and evening in such talk he would engage, But he clear forgot the label when he spent his weekly wage.

"We are victims," he would holler, "of the host of greed and graft!" He would cuss the man who didn't join the union of his craft. "We've just got to hang together or degenerate to slaves And go down to death forgotten and be dumped in unmarked graves." He would orate the palaver till the atmosphere was blue And insist that what he told them all workmen should do. In the union hall he'd rampage like a lion in a cage— But he clear forgot the label when he spent his weekly wage.

Unwise.  
"Isn't it true," shouted the irate lawyer, addressin the witness who had given some damaging testimony against his client, "that you were in jail once?" "Yes, sir." "Aha! I thought so. And what for?" "For refusing to obey the order of the court not to speak to the man who was injuring himself and me by taking my job under conditions that were unjust to both of us." When it was too late the fool attorney discovered that there were several union men on the jury.

Cards.  
The man who thinks the whole of unionism is to increase wages has no idea of what unionism means. Every man who wields a hammer is not eligible to membership in the carpenters' or blacksmiths' unions. Love goes all the way. Unions practice the charity that churches love to preach about. "Backcapping" always has a come-back. Unionism will not be triumphant until every worker secures justice. You can not get right with God until you get right with your fellow men. Many good union men do not know what a union card looks like. Unionism means standing up for the rights of your fellows as staunchly as you stand up for your own rights.

CHAMPION MINE WORKER BLIND.  
John Minnich, champion worker at the Buck Mountain colliery at Hazleton, Pa., is blind, but assists in all dangerous work. By reason of being unable to see the perils about him he has no terror of danger of any kind.

## The Discount Sale

of our Men's and Young Men's Fine Clothing includes every Suit and Overcoat in the house. It's a good time to buy clothes that will PROVE SATISFACTORY

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## Specials This Week!

This Week We Will Sell  
—You a—  
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FOR \$2.00 DOWN  
and \$1.00 a week  
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Elegant Four Room Outfit Complete  
**\$98.75**  
\$19.00 down  
\$2.50 per wk.

SOME CURT COMMENT ON INTERESTING TOPICS.  
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since the club women that it is a splendid avenue along which to direct club activities, we will take all the blame. If she does convince the club women we shall expect them to follow their convictions. The Wageworker is just "aching for a chance to have Margaret Drier Robins talk to the Lincoln Woman's Club.

The Labor Temple Library wants all the good books it can get—books on social and economic topics, good fiction, books of travel, etc. There are many men and women in Lincoln who have just such books that they can well spare, and if they will donate them to the Temple library they will be warmly thanked by the workers. If you can't deliver them, just call up the Temple and notify Manager Rudy when and where to call.

If the school board wants to know the location of a fine site for a high school, let them view the Young tract, which lies between Thirtieth and Thirty-third street, on the south side of O. It is as well equipped with street railway facilities as the Davenport tract, has the advantage of being high and slightly, and is in a neighborhood that is rapidly building up. Of course this suggestion is not actuated by the fact that the Young tract is within a block or two of the modest little cottage of The Wageworker's editor, which humble little home would be somewhat increased in value by such an improvement. Nor is the Davenport tract being advocated by certain gentlemen for the same reason. Not at all! Brutus was an honorable man, and so are we all honorable men.

New Postoffice at La Crosse.

La Crosse.—The postoffice at this place, which is now located in a frame building belonging to Representative Schaumburg, will change its location. Mr. C. W. Kyle has submitted a bid to the government, and it has been accepted, whereby Mr. Kyle is to build a new brick building at least 25x50 feet, equip it in modern postoffice style and give the government a ten years' lease on the same. The lot on which Mr. Kyle is to build is immediately north of the State bank and near enough to the depot that the railroad will be compelled to carry the mails to and from trains, which is a saving to the postoffice department of \$140 a year. Mr. Kyle will start work on the building at once as the contract specifies that it should be finished in six months.

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Now open for business. Labor Temple, 217-19 North Eleventh Street. Best Brands  
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