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TO LABOR UNIONS.

Will you assist us by appointing some one in your union to furnish us with news? The Wageworker wants to publish 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 labor 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 valuable and complete, but your knowledge of what is going on in the labor movement is better and the good feeling among the various crafts is more strongly cemented. When this fellowship idea is instilled thoroughly among us there is less likelihood of a break in the ranks and it is certainly needed at the present time.

THE TEMPLE'S DOORS.

There seems to be an opinion prevalent that the Labor Temple is for union men and women only, and that non-unionists are not wanted there. If such an opinion does exist it is utterly without foundation, for the union men and women whose work has resulted in the opening of the Temple want the non-unionists to make the Temple their headquarters. If there is a non-union mechanic in Lincoln who imagines that he will not be welcome to the Temple, let him go there, announce himself and await results. The Wageworker will warrant him that he will receive a cordial welcome, and will be treated exactly as the union visitors are treated. But there is every chance that he will be asked to join the union of his craft and given ample reasons why he should do so. The Temple was built for educational purposes as much as anything else.

Not all non-unionists are "scabs." Not by a great deal. A majority of non-unionists are outside the union fold because they have never had an opportunity of studying trades union principles and have never had an opportunity to secure information as to the benefits of unionism. Union men are largely to blame for the fact that a large percentage of workmen are not members of the unions of their craft. They are to blame because they have not acted as missionaries, carrying the glad tidings of industrial salvation into the waste places. Union men are to blame if the general public has a wrong conception of unionism, for union men have not undertaken to offset the false and misleading stories set afloat by subsidized newspapers. By all means, Mr. Non-Union Man, make the Labor Temple your headquarters. If you can stand out against the arguments presented by men who know by experience what the benefits of unionism are, you are certainly blind to your own welfare. Or if you can show us wherein we are wrong in forming unions, we'll be much obliged. But, anyhow, make the Labor Temple your headquarters. You will be as welcome as the flowers in spring.

THE STATE FEDERATION.

The Nebraska State Federation of Labor starts out on what is really its first year under the most favorable auspices. The convention at South Omaha was a splendid one in every respect, and the delegates demonstrated their earnestness in the work of the organization. In Frank M. Coffey the Federation has an executive who has had wide experience in the work of organization, experience in legislative work, and legal ability of a high order. His unanimous election to the presidency was not only a high tribute to his standing in the labor movement, but was an evidence of the good judgment of the organization. The re-election of Secretary-Treasurer Hart was a matter of course, for Mr. Hart has conducted the affairs of that important office with diligence and earnestness.

The legislative committee, the most important committee of the organization, is made up of staunch trades unionists who know the needs of the workers and also know the best ways of securing the recognition of those needs through legislative action.

It is regrettable that a number of organizations, some of them sadly in need of just such enlivening influences as will be exerted by the State Federation, have failed or refused to affiliate. But in due time these organizations will realize the folly of their neglect and will make amends by coming into the organization and exerting themselves to make up for lost time.

The editor of The Wageworker, who was honored by election to the presidency when the organization was perfected, feels that he has a right to be

proud of the organization. He received the earnest support and cooperation of as loyal a lot of union men, as can be found in many days' travel. To this support and cooperation, far more than to any efforts of the president, is due the magnificent start the Nebraska State Federation has made upon what promises to be a splendid career of usefulness.

The Wageworker hopes the so-called "liberal element" will secure plenty of signers to its petition for a referendum on the "wet or dry" proposition. This paper is in favor of a referendum on any question at any time, providing the question is of interest to any considerable number of citizens. But the Wageworker ventures the prophecy that when the vote is taken Lincoln will be dryer than ever.

The mechanics imported into Lincoln last summer to work in competition with resident mechanics, are not now buying goods of local merchants nor adding anything to the taxable wealth of the city. The business man who hired the imported mechanics ought to think it over.

Mr. Silloway ought to show himself a man of courage by coming back to Lincoln and "making good" on some of his wild assertions. If he fails to return and make a showing he will confess himself to be either a willful liar or a malicious slanderer.

Evangelist Silloway—or Sillyway—is just like many other traveling evangelists. Every city he visits is just "three miles from hell," and the only way it can save itself is to do just as the evangelist says.

The Davenport tract may never have been under water, but the editor of The Wageworker is only one of thousands who has seen it entirely surrounded by water.

About the best socialist propaganda we know of is now being waged by the trusts and corporations that have control of the food and clothing of the country.

If the price of the necessities of life continue to climb, the unions ought to go into the manufacturing and selling business on their own accounts.

If the board of education really wants the Davenport tract, why in heaven's name does it not say so, and then fight it out on that line?

Chief of Police Malone promptly called the traveling evangelist down. Chief "Jim" doesn't mince his words, either.

Labor Temple Benefit at the Lyric next Monday evening. Secure tickets now. On sale at the Temple.

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LABOR TEMPLE BENEFIT.

Manager Gorman of the Lyric Makes Tender of His Theatre.

Manager Gorman of the Lyric has on more than one occasion shown his friendship for organized labor. For that reason it was no surprise when he called up Manager Rudy of the Temple and said:

"Can I help your Temple along by giving a benefit performance?"

"Well, I should say so!" exclaimed Manager Rudy.

"All right, then. Call it Monday evening, January 17. You have the boys sell as many tickets as they can, and we'll divide the receipts half and half. How does that suit?"

"Bully!" said Manager Rudy. And thus it was arranged. The performance will be by the Lyric Stock Company, headed by Mr. Horace V. Noble and Miss Louise Carter, and this means a performance that will please all who attend. The Lyric Stock Company has fixed itself firmly in the affections of Lincoln playgoers.

Unionists interested in boosting the Temple project along are requested to call on Manager Rudy and get some tickets, and then hustle out and sell them. The tickets are exchangeable at the box office for the regular reserved seat coupon tickets.

Now let's get busy and pack the Lyric until the police authorities interfere.

THE MUSICIANS.

Install New Officers and Then Proceed to Have Social Time.

The Musicians' Union, No. 463, installed its newly elected officers at the last regular meeting, and after the work of installation was completed proceeded to have a social time. Refreshments were served and while some of the members furnished good music other members danced. It was decided to hold the annual ball in February and the necessary committees have been appointed and are already at work. H. T. McCuren officiated as installing officer and installed the following officers:

President, W. T. Pinney.
Vice president, A. J. Bruse.
Secretary, G. T. Thornburg.
Treasurer, N. A. Otis.
Sergeant-at-Arms, W. H. Dorsey.
Directors, L. E. Wasson, G. P. Putnam, Carl Frolick, E. J. Ewing, Mark Pierce, Marion Bell, Robert Sofrick, J. T. Kendrick.

The local is in good shape financially and otherwise, and starts out on the new year with every confidence in the future.

THE BRICKLAYERS.

Enjoying a Little Smoker While You Are Reading All About It.

Last night (Friday) the bricklayers met at Labor Temple, and after transacting the routine business proceeded to lay aside all thoughts of business and "smoke up." Labeled cigars were passed around, and while the smoke was curling upwards the members proceeded to lay a few mental bricks upon the walls of reminiscence. The "smoker" was enjoyed by all who were present.

"Nothing doing" has been the rule ever since the present cold snap began. And it has been about the long-

est cold snap within the memory of the oldest journeymen. Several big jobs are tied up awaiting a day or two of thawing weather. The only bright spot is in the prospects for plenty of work when the weather does get around to a workable condition.

TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION BALL.

Annual Event Will Be Held at Fraternity Hall, February 23.

The twenty-seventh annual ball of Lincoln Typographical Union No. 209, will be held at Fraternity hall on February 23. Committees from the union and Capital Auxiliary are now working together to make it the most successful social event in the history of the union. The net proceeds of the ball will be invested in stock of the Labor Temple Association, and this fact is calculated to make the attendance larger than usual.

Nothing will be left undone that will contribute to the pleasure of the annual event, and the reputation the printers have achieved for success along social lines will be more than duplicated.

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LABOR TEMPLE DIRECTORS.

First Meeting of New Board Transacts a Lot of Business.

The new board of directors of the Labor Temple Association met at the Temple Monday evening and proceeded to elect a board of seven trustees, as provided by the law governing the association. The following were elected:

S. L. Chaplin, president.
G. A. Walker, vice president.
Fred Ehringer, secretary.
B. C. Fox, treasurer.
Louis Hale.
W. L. Mayer.
Fred Vaughn.

Hereafter the board of directors will meet once a month, on the fourth Monday night. The board of trustees will later decide on how often to meet. Hereafter the trustees will perform the bulk of the work, the directors acting in an advisory and overseeing capacity.

W. L. Mayer was employed as assistant to Manager Rudy at a salary of \$16 a week. Both Manager Rudy and Assistant Mayer are members of the Electrical Workers.

Mr. Mayer was allowed a salary of \$48 for three weeks' work as assistant, taking the same in stock, the services having been performed prior to the meeting of the board.

Announcement was made that the firm of Rudge & Guenzel had bought 230 shares of stock, and had transferred the same to the twenty-three unions of the city, allotting ten shares to each union.

J. C. Harpham, who purchased 100 shares of stock, has transferred the same back to the Temple association, thus making what is virtually a donation of \$100 to the Temple.

Just as soon as it can be made up The Wageworker will publish a list of the friends who have contributed material to the association to further the work of remodeling the building. It will be a long list, and the names thereon should be borne in mind by the unionists of the city.

ITS FOURTEENTH YEAR.

The Minnesota Union Advocate, edited and published by Cornelius Guiney of St. Paul, has just entered upon its fourteenth year. During the thirteen years of its existence the Union Advocate has steadily improved, both as an exponent of unionism and as a paying proposition to its tireless editor and publisher. There are no stronger advocates of unionism than the Minnesota Union Advocate. It is always full of good "stuff," and the opinions of its genial editor always carry weight. The Wageworker extends congratulations to Brother Guiney, and wishes for him and his splendid paper many more years of usefulness in the cause of organized labor.

ANOTHER NEW ONE.

R. E. Woodmansee, editor and publisher of the Springfield, Ill., Tradesman, seems to be yearning for a reputation as the "octopus of the labor paper game." He has just started his fourth labor paper, this time at Joliet. It will be called the Labor Review and will be under the immediate charge of P. S. DeMaris, who was formerly associated with the Tradesman as business manager. Brer Woodmansee knows the game from start to finish, and the unionists of Joliet will, if they know a good thing when they see it, rally to the support of the Review.

"FITZ" IN TOWN.

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