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CARPENTERS & JOINERS

After a long siesta—which is a Greaser word meaning somnolence—the local Carpenters' Union No. 1055, has wakened up, and there is something doing in carpenter circles. An active propaganda for membership is being waged, with the result that applications are coming in every day. The preparations for the big "open meeting" on February 7 are progressing at a lively rate, and on that date there will be some mighty lively doings at the Temple. While there will be some "speechifying" on that occasion, the talkfest end of the program will be short and to the point. Men who can say a lot about unionism in a very few words will speak, and there will be several amusement stunts, refreshments, etc. Just as fast as the hustling committee can get hold of the names of non-union carpenters personal invitations to attend the open meeting are being mailed them, and then comes a follow-up system of personal calls for the purpose of extending a cordial invitation than can be extended in cold type. If you know any non-union carpenters just report the name to any union carpenter you may happen to meet.

"Billy" Emberson is again a member of 1055 and just as "pestiferous" as ever. He came back on transfer from Denver.

The Wageworker man ran across "Dad" Callahan the other day and was mighty glad to see him. The Wage-

worker man and "Dad" became acquainted in Kearney during the boom days of that little city, and the acquaintance has been a most pleasant one ever since.

Carpenters who may want to subscribe for The Wageworker—and all of them ought to be subscribers—may leave their names, addresses and money with Manager Rudy at the Temple.

The Carpenters' Union of Minneapolis claims to be the largest trades union west of Chicago.

Stay away from Salt Lake City. The city is overrun with carpenters and the situation is growing worse every day.

Until recently there were five locals of Carpenters in San Antonio, Texas. Recently two united, leaving three in the field. They either have that town wonderfully well organized or a lot of jealousy among the craftsmen. Which?

A. J. Conkrite, ex-business agent of the Cedar Rapids, Ia., Carpenters' Union, has been arrested on the charge of embezzling several hundred dollars belonging to the union.

Council Bluffs carpenters who have been employed on the new C. & N. W. round house in that city, have had their wages cut 5 cents per hour. However, they get the scale after the cut.

April 1, 45 cents and the Saturday half-holiday will be enjoyed by Council Bluffs carpenters. They are well organized. See!

ELECTRICAL WORKERS

The Lincoln local has a committee at work on a new agreement and scale, and the committee is working quietly but effectively. There is nothing to give out at this time. Work continues fairly good, and shows signs of improving as the weather moderates.

The electrical workers of El Paso, Texas, have won their strike. They

were out but a few days. They will hereafter work eight hours a day and receive \$4.

The electrical workers of St. Paul, Minn., are having a revival. The charter has been opened until February 1, and new men are coming in rapidly. After February 1 the initiation fee will be \$15.

THE BRICKLAYERS & MASONS

The thawing weather the first of the week was not overlooked by the bricklayers. They took advantage of it and rushed work on a number of jobs that were left uncompleted when the cold snap struck this section of the moral vineyard. All the men that could be used to advantage were put on the scaffolds, and as a result two new buildings on East O street were rushed up in record time. Several other and

smaller jobs were pushed to completion as far as the brick work was concerned.

International Treasurer Bowen reports that he now has on hands in the strong box of the organization the tidy sum of \$325,000. Charles Kyle of Everett, Mass., aged 92 and a member of the Bricklayers' Union since its organization in 1854, was an honored guest of the international at its recent convention.

THE PAINTERS & DECORATORS

The Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers is now the third largest union affiliated with the American Federation of Labor and the second largest in the organization of building trades.

George B. Helrick, of Albany, N. Y., is the newly elected president of the Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers.

The big job of remodeling at the

Lindell hotel is responsible in large measure for the unusually good situation in Lincoln for this time of the year. That job furnishes employment for a large number of the local union's members.

It has been some time since the painters were represented by a full delegation to the C. L. U., and it is to be hoped that hereafter the record will be changed.

THE OPERATIVE PLASTERERS

The Plasterers' Union of Lincoln is now permanently organized and offered, and formal application for a charter has been sent to the international officers. The permanent organization was effected at the Labor Temple Monday evening, at which time D. W. Bayless was elected president and George Wright secretary. There are eighteen names on the charter list, and before the charter arrives it is expected that this number of members will have been increased to upwards of twenty-five.

At the meeting next Monday evening a full list of officers will be elected and the new union put into shape to get into the union game. At the meeting last Monday evening President Coffey of the State Federation, T. W. Parker, president of the Central Labor Union, and others spoke briefly and congratulated the operative plasterers on their having organized. The meeting was enthusiastic, and the new union starts off with every prospect of being a big factor in the work of unionism in this community.

BUILDING LABORERS.

Will Make an Effort to Revive the Organization in Lincoln.

Lincoln used to have a live organization of building laborers, but owing to internal troubles in the international it petered out. These international troubles have all been healed, however, and now the local building laborers are getting ready to get back into the game. With this end in view a call has been issued for a meeting of hod carriers and building laborers at the Labor Temple next Monday evening, at which time preliminary steps looking towards organization will be taken.

If the building laborers succeed in organizing this will conclude the thorough organization of the building trades—carpenters, bricklayers, plumbers, painters, electrical workers, plasterers,

lathers, building laborers. The teamsters might properly be included under this heading. The next step taken, and taken speedily, should be the organization of a live building trades council.

A MIGHTY GOOD IDEA.

Now Proposed to Have Sunday Educational Meetings at Temple.

What The Wageworker considers a mighty good plan is now under discussion, with every likelihood that it will be put into effect. It is to have a series of Sunday afternoon meetings at the Labor Temple, at which time speakers of ability will deliver addresses on topics of an educational nature along industrial lines. The matter is being discussed in all its phases, and the idea is meeting with approval. Several well known friends of organized labor have already agreed to speak

on topics suggested to them. If the plans are carried out "Church and Labor" will be discussed by a well known Lincoln minister and a well known layman. Professor Howard of the state university will be asked to speak on "direct Legislation," and a prominent physician will be invited to speak on the subject of "Prevention and Cure of Tuberculosis." The subject of "Needed Labor Legislation" will also be one of the subjects discussed.

There is no doubt that such a series of meetings would be profitable and attract good-sized audiences of union men. It is to be hoped that the idea will be put into practice.

GENERAL MENTION.

Brief Bits of News Picked and Pilfered From Manywhere.

Plumbers in Charleston, W. Va., have organized. Prospects bright.

The old age pension fund of the International Typographical Union has risen to \$218,000.

"Popular Mechanics" that cater to the iron industry, is printed under non-union conditions.

Every employe of the Citizens' Telephone company at Havana, Ill., struck for higher wages.

Brotherhood of Operative Potters have purchased a \$6,500 lot in East Liverpool, Ohio, on which to erect a building for the brotherhood officials.

Shirtwaist makers and pressers in Cleveland are getting organized as they never were before, despite the efforts of the manufacturers to prevent it.

The Gleaners, a farmers' organization, at their convention held in Saginaw, Mich., adopted resolutions favoring parcels post and postal savings banks.

Gertrude E. Curtis of Bradford, Pa., is the first colored woman dentist. She passed the final examinations in the College of Dental Surgery in Philadelphia.

The laborers on the railroads in and about Spokane are paid in time checks that are not payable for as long as sixty days. This creates a horde of grafters who shave the checks.

A telegraphers' strike on the Big Four has been averted by an agreement to arbitrate their differences. Arbitration makes it way slowly, but it saves a heap of trouble wherever tried.

In Denver girls are worked in the non-union laundries 12 to 16 hours a day for ten cents an hour. In Portland all the laundries are non-union and probably the girls are getting rich the same way.

Four hundred men are out on strike at the Standard Steel Car Works in Hammond, Ind., because of the dissatisfaction with the wage scale. Riveters and machinists are the trades figuring in the strike.

Taxicab chauffeurs and those of the sight-seeing automobiles, business houses and private families have perfected a union in Washington and will work under a charter of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

The struggle between the Western Federation of Miners and mine owners which started with the lockout at the Homestake mine near Lead, now includes 13 of the largest mining properties in the Black Hills.

Eight hundred of the 1,200 quarrymen who struck in Amherst, Ohio, two weeks ago, because of a winter wage cut, returned to work Monday, saying that the necessities of their families forced them to give in.

The Keystone Coal & Coke Company, Irwin, Pa., says that because of the increased cost of living, etc., the 4,000 employes will receive 10 per cent increase. It is expected other mining companies will take similar action.

The proposition recently submitted to the Sailor's Union of the Pacific to extend further aid to the striking comrades on the Great Lakes was voted upon on the 10th inst., and adopted by practically unanimous vote. Let the good work go on.

It is understood in Washington that an omnibus claims bill will be passed at this session of congress containing claims amounting to \$30,000 which will go to the employes of the Brooklyn navy yard for overtime work performed many years ago.

Railway mail clerks waited on Sir Wilfred Laurier in Ottawa, Canada, and asked that the maximum be increased from \$1,200 to \$1,500, and that a flat increase of \$150 be granted all round as was given to the inside service last year. They claimed that the mileage they received in addition to salary is all taken up in expenses on the road. The premier's reply was regarded as encouraging. A similar request was made last year.

RAILWAY CARMEN PROSPERING.

The report of the Brotherhood of Railway Carmen for the quarter ending December 31, 1909, shows an increase of fifteen hundred in the membership. During that period nine lodges were organized, and three more have been added since the first of the year. Five organizers are at work in different sections of the country and from present indications the coming year will be the most prosperous one in the history of the brotherhood. By

the way, whatever has become of the carmen's union organized in Lincoln two or three years ago? It has been so long since it was heard from that there is a well founded suspicion that it is a dead one.

TO AID CAPITAL AND LABOR.

Washington.—The international association of government agencies dealing with industrial disputes has been organized here representing more than half of the states of the union. Next year's meeting will be an international conference between capital and labor to which representatives of both classes will be credited. Frederick Lump, chairman of the Michigan state board of arbitration, was elected president.

O, EDGAR!

When a man is close to his fiftieth birthday anniversary he is always gratified by receipt of words or other evidence from friends that they believe he is wearing his years gracefully, and that he has not outlived his

usefulness. That's the way I felt last Friday night when I won the booby prize at the Bowers-Schram five hundred party, receiving as reward a baby's nursing bottle, loaded with fresh Jersey milk, and all ready for action. I know several good men in that company who viewed with feelings of envy the compliment paid to a more competent companion.—Edgar Howard in Columbus Telegram.

GENERAL MENTION.

Brief Bits of News Picked and Pilfered From Manywhere.

The shirtwaist girls are being organized in Cleveland.

Brooklyn Rapid Transit company announces the adoption of a pension plan to fool its poorly-paid employes. Lockout of the cloakmakers' union at the Fabian Cloak and Suit company in Cincinnati has been settled.

Eugene Brals of Cleveland has been elected general secretary of the Journeymen Tailors' union over John B. Lennon.

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