# TALKS AT THE TEMPLE

The next in the series of "Temple Talks" at the Labor Temple will be by Frank M. Tyrrell, county attorney, and Rev. S. Z. Batten. Mr. Tyrrell will discuss the local traction situation, and those who have kept track of his prosecution of the Lincoln Traction Co., are well satisfied that he is able to handle the subject properly and emphatically. Mr. Tyrrell will pay particular attention to the wage end of the company's business and show why it is unable to pay better wages. In other words he will show that the low wages are not due to inability, but to a preference for putting the money to other uses, not wholly beneficial to the public.

Rev. Mr. Batten will speak about the Philadelphia strike. Having lived in that delectable city, Rev. Mr. Batten is in a position to tell of the political corruption that reigns there, and which is responsible for most of the present trouble.

The meeting begins at 3 p. m., and there will be good music. Everybody is invited.

# AMONG THE BARBERS

My, but there's a lot of ill-feeling between the Employing Barbers' Association and the Journeymen Barbers' Union these days. A "boss barber" and a journeyman can hardly pass on the streets without getting into a mix-up, can they? All rot, this thing of trying to work under the "collective bargaining" system, isn't it? Never saw such a bad situation in your life as the one now existing between the employers and the employed in barber circles in Lincoln.

Why, after conferences lasting a month or two the union and the employers finally got together, and then it was such a state of armed neutrality that the "bosses" had the nerve to actually walk in on the union last Wednesday night. Actually went right up to the union's door and demanded admission. Threatened to bust the door down if their demands were not heeded. Isn't that a rotten situation for you? And when the bosses got in they actually insisted on smoking up with the journeymen, and eating some sandwiches and making a lot of talk. It's a wonder the police were not called. A riot was only prevented because the journeymen let the bosses in and meekly helped to consume the "smokes" and "eats." After they got used to it the journeymen really enjoyed it as much as the arrogant bosses. And by midnight things were going along so amicably that a lot of those present had to be pried loose by turning out the lights. O, we rather guess there's an awful lot of ill-feeling between the bosses and journeymen in Lincoln barber circles. We look for an open rupture almost any old time.

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# CARPENTERS & JOINERS

Local No. 1055 had another "blow out" Monday night. The enthusiasm that first manifested itself about six weeks ago shows no signs of abatement, and the membership of the local continues to increase by leaps and bounds. Last Monday night saw the fourth of the series of open meetings, and on this occasion seventeen new members were obligated, and several applicants were compelled, by lack of time, to wait over until the next meeting. Already the membership list has passed the 200 mark, and the increase continues without any signs of a let-up. No. 1055 is getting back into its old form again, which means that it will mighty soon resume its place as one of the fighting unions of the city—fighting for fair wages, short hours and the closed shop.

Before the work of obligating the new members was taken up Monday night, Rev. Mr. Batten delivered an address, speaking most particularly upon the high cost of living and the causes contributing thereto. It was a thoughtful discussion of present day conditions, and contained many valuable suggestions for the union men present. Not a great many people know it, but Rev. Mr. Batten once worked at the carpenter's trade. He didn't work at it long enough to become a skilled craftsman, nor long enough to become eligible to membership in the union as an active craftsman. But no one who knows the reverend gentleman disputes that in every other way, in sympathy and in co-operation, he is entitled to membership in any old trades union organization.

Rev. Mr. Batten flatly charged that the tariff was one of the greatest contributing causes of the greatly increased cost of living, while the numerous "middlemen," each taking his profit, was another important factor. Several remedies were suggested. Rev. Mr. Batten said people of today are wasting too much of their substance and it is a common fault for persons to live far beyond their means. It was recommended that simpler methods of life and living be adopted. He said the people must depend on an adjustment of the tariff. Regarding the trusts he said they undoubtedly have their advantages, still the people must gain a means of controlling them, to some extent at least. They must be controlled by the state in order to safeguard the people. As an immediate remedy Mr. Batten suggested the co-operative store, one of which should be established in Lincoln. Co-operative production should be encouraged.

# TYPOGRAPHICAL TIPS

Lincoln Typographical Union No. 209 held its March meeting last Sunday afternoon. Little business out of the routine was transacted. One new member was obligated and a couple of proposed amendments to the constitution were defeated. The local now has a membership of 136, the high water mark of its history. A resolution opposing the increase of the second class postage rates was unanimously adopted, as was one asking the Nebraska congressional delegation to support the eight-hour bills now pending in house and senate.

The proposed mortuary benefit was defeated by nearly one thousand votes in a total vote of about 34 000.

The Allied Printing Trades Council has framed up a contest and is offering prizes to those who return to the council the greatest number of printed articles minus the "little joker." Not only are the prizes worth trying for, but the object is so worthy that every true blue unionist ought to get busy for the good of the cause.

Fred Ihringer's aged father has been very low for several weeks, his illness being due to the infimities of old age.

# ELECTRICAL WORKERS

The Cleveland Citizen says: "The A. F. of L. arbitrators arrived in Cleveland on Wednesday to give further consideration in the matter of establishing harmony between the factions. On account of the sudden death of Attorney Benjamin Starr, on Wednesday, an agreement was reached Thursday morning to defer all legal matters until March 8.

As the Citizen goes to press the arbitration committee and representatives of both sides are considering various details at the Hotel Euclid. It is probable that the sessions will continue until next week, and if it is possible to arrange a settlement without the lawyers such action will be taken.

Those present are John Frey, of the molders; H. L. Urich, Iowa City State Federation, and Frank Duffy of the Carpenters, the A. F. of L. committee and Messrs. Reid, Murphy, Sullivan, McNulty and Noonan of the opposing factions.

Thursday afternoon the impression prevailed that McNulty is opposed to the convention idea and wants to get possession of the money in local banks, and that one member of the committee is endeavoring to work that coup. The Reidites declare open and above board that they will go the limit—that they favor a convention of both wings of the brotherhood, that they will turn the funds over to the committee, that the latter call the convention to order and control it until proper officers are elected by the delegates, and that the convention, funds, etc., be thereupon turned over to the chosen representatives of the convention.

If another break comes it will be because there has been some jugglery that will not bear investigation, the Reidites claim. They will stand for a fair and squar deal and no humbug.

The Toledo Union Leader says: The arbitration committee in charge of the Electrical Workers' troubles is now in Cleveland. It is believed that a convention will be called early in May, when both interests will be united. In the meantime the funds of both sides will be turned over to a trust company until the convention elects officers. In this case, the trouble will be ancient history. In many sections of the country the Electrical Workers are still seated in state and central bodies. Only a short time ago the Washington State Federation of Labor refused to unseat the Reid faction, claiming it was unnecessary, in view of the probable settlement. The same course was followed by the Oregon State Federation of Labor, while in Omaha the central body declined with thanks. In Toledo, however, the Electrical Workers were forced to withdraw before the C. L. U. could secure its charter. It makes a difference, you know, when you don't throw bouquets and occasionally express an honest opinion.

### THE LATHERS.

"Don't think that just because we are not making much noise we are not doing business," said a union lather the first of the week. We are one of the smallest unions in the city, but 'we'se a growin', boss,' as the young colored boy remarked. We meet regularly, and we have a live bunch of members. We have the same trouble as other unions in the building trades—we union men secure the wages and conditions, and the non-union men reap equal benefits. But we are stirring up the non-union lathers; and with the revival of union spirit in Lincoln we are getting our share of converts. Business has been pretty dull lately, the Lindell hotel job being the big 'life saver' of the winter months. But the spring and summer outlook is good, and while we are working days we are going to put in the evenings doing missionary work among the non-union men of our craft. We are trying for a 100 per cent union before the season is well advanced."

The lathers of Bakersfield, Cal., have organized.

### BUILDING LABORERS.

The Building Laborers' Union met at the Temple Tuesday night, and after due deliberation ratified the scehdule of wages prepared by the committee appointed for that purpose. It was decided to demand for the hod carriers and mortar mixers 35 cents an hour, and for the "wheelers" 30 cents an hour. The wage scale is fixeu on the eight-hour day basis. This is a very slight increase over the rate that has prevailed for some time past.

In order not to conflict with existing building contracts it was decided to waive the new scale until May 1, but on and after that date that will be the scale demanded by the union building laborers of the city. This local union is growing at a gratifying rate, and the members are full of enthusiasm. While locally known as the building laborers' union, the organization is really a Federal Labor Union, chartered directly by the American Federation of Labor. George H. Bush is president, and R. Quarles secretary.

### 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.
W. G. Worth, 1132 O St.
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.

### Hot Egg and Milk.

Egg and milk flavored with a little vanilla extract well shaken and sprinkled over the top with nutmeg is a favorite beverage with some convalescents. It is served piping hot with small salted wafers. Well persons are also fond of the drink and prefer substituting sponge cake for the wafers.