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those who are intemperate-intemper- with some astonishment an editorial ate in their speech and often in their favoring unbridled license-gambling, action. The other day I picked up the wine rooms, and all that sort of thing. morning Journal and read a letter, It made me wonder how any workingprinted in black-faced type and man could advocate such a policy, and signed by the name of a reverend gen- I glanced on through the paper to astleman well known in Lincoln. In certain if possible the reason for it. that letter the reverend gentleman I found it. Of the fifteen columns took occasion to cast some undeserved of advertising carried by the aforevile as the big metropolis. That is of labor's great and good friend, unfair and uncalled-for. Omaha is Charles W. Post, "There's a reason." not a wide open town. It lacks a whole lot of being the "hell hole" that a lot of our intemperate temperance possible to manufacture another drop reformers would have us believe. The of intoxicants as long as the world noise made by a few loud-mouthed ad- stands. But the total abolition of inown doorsteps and not bother them- from the drink, and allow it to be sold the tiles of their Omaha neighbors, grocery stores or anywhere else. I The Omaha of today is a lot bigger, a can not imagine a bunch of "good fel-Omaha of a few years ago-and it is night over a codfish barrel or a box

a little experience The Wageworker Thompson, a Chicago union man, came to Lincoln and advocated high license in a speech before the Central Labor Union. It was an address by a union printed it. The license advocates going to equip a handsome billiard letter by Rev. Mr. Batten advocating C. A. building, and I had a talk with The Wageworker as a "saloon sheet" terest known by putting up I'berally and its editor as a "whisky advocate" for its support. When I suggested the because it published the address of idea of a billiard room in the build-

it strikes me that there are alto- off, he got out a parlor croquet set gether too many adolescent school Fixing some little metal dinguses on girls allowed to promonade the streets the corners of the table, he stretched of Lincoln of evenings, hanging on to a wide tape around it, then set up the the arms of swagger boys who look dinkey little wick scarcely dry behind the ears. And too to join him in knocking the little many of these girls, who ought to be wooden balls around. I did, and I at home, wearing short dresses and beat him at the game, too. I asked their hair in braids, have their faces him to tell me the difference between kalsomined and their unformed bodies knocking some little wooden balls padded up like old stagers. As a father around on a bare table and knocking and as a citizen, I don't like it. The some ivory balls around on a greenfathers and mothers who allow that cloth covered table. The only differsort of thing are storing up a lot of ence he could offer was that one was trouble for themselves, and perhaps merely the pleasant little pastime of a lot of disgrace for their girls. The year-old girl to prance about the he's a pretty good sort of a man. But streets o' nights hanging on to the I coine that if he had lived in Massaarm of a pimply-faced, cigarette-smok- chusetts a couple of centuries ago he ing kid who ought to be wearing knee- would have furnished the flint and pants, should hasten to a surgeon and steel with Christian glee on the occahave her head bored for the simples.

other day that he was going to try his because it was cruelty to the bears, best to work up enough sentiment for but because it gave pleasure to the a Saturday half-holiday to bring it to men. If it is true that a Lincoln man pass. "At the expense of the wage is going to equip a handsome billiard earner?" I asked. That phase of the room in the new Y. M. C. A. building, subject had never struck him before. I am going to tip my hat to him every Bless his sympathetic heart, the wageworkers of Lincoln can have a half- also to any Y. M. C. A. director who holiday almost any old time, provided is up-to-date enough to agree that that they are willing to lose a half-day's is a sensible move to make. wages. The Saturday half-holiday at the expense of the worker who already finds it hard to make both ends meet working six full days a week, won't Union has severed connection with the do, good friends. You'll have to go Associated Building Trades, for years further than that if you exect to pre- owned and controlled by "Skinny" vent the workers from demanding an Madden. The architectural iron workopportunity to enjoy their only holi- ers, lathers and electrical workers day-Sunday-as they think best. | may follow suit.

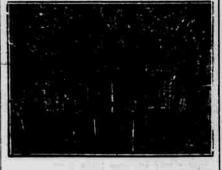
It is to be regretted that the tem- I picked up a Jabor paper printed perance movement is hampered by in a southern city recently, and read slurs on Omaha, referring to it as a said labor paper, a little over fourteen "wide-open town" and expressing a were devoted to advertising breweries, fear that Lincoln would become as distilleries and bars. In the language

If within my power I'd make it imvocates of unbridled license should toxicants, like the absolute purificanot be mistaken for the voice of Oma- tion of politics, is, in the language of ha. The reverend gentleman in quest the late John J. Ingalls, a "d-d irtion, and a lot of others of his kind ridescent dream." This fact often right here in Lincoln, would do well makes me wonder if it wouldn't be to keep right on sweeping before their best to remove all license and revenue selves so much about the frost on like any other commodity; say in lot cleaner and a lot better than the lows" hanging all afternoon or all getting bigger, cleaner and better of mackerel in the back end of a grocery "settin' 'em up" and imagining they were sports having a good In this connection I want to relate time. I've often thought that we reformers too seldom take into account had a couple of years ago. George the factor of human nature in our efforts to make the world as good as we think we are.

I heard something the other day that man to union men, and The Wage- I fondly hope is true—that a liberalwork ir, being a union labor paper, minded, generous citizen of Lincoln is bought several thousand copies of the room in the new Y. M. C. A. building. paper and distributed them. In the A few weeks ago I had business in a same issue appeared a four-column neighboring city that boasts a Y. M. Several ministers and a man who takes an interest in the good women roundly denounced association's work, and makes that in that union man. They never said a ing he nearly had a fit. The very word about the article written by Rev. idea was little short of sacrilege, so he said. I spent the evening at the home of this friend, and after dinner Maybe I'm a little old-fashioned, but was over and the dining table cleared and invited me "parlor croquet" and the other was mother who will allow her fifteen that devil's game, "billiards." Still sion of every witch burning. You remember that the Puritan fathers pro-A ministerial friend told me the hibited bear baiting on Sunday-not time I meet him on the street, and

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