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## THE UNION MUSICIANS

The third annual ball of the Musicians' Protective Union No. 463 was held at the Auditorium last Tuesday evening. Socially and financially it was a splendid success. In point of attendance it was the largest ball ever given under the auspices of a Lincoln union, and the committees in charge are entitled to the thanks of the membership for their untiring efforts. No attempt was made at decorating the interior of the gloomy old building, it taking the combined efforts of a big corps of volunteers to get the floor into dancing shape and the accumulated dirt and dust of long weeks, the fragments of semi-banquets and the cobwebs of seeming centuries out of sight. As a result of these efforts the interior was at least spotlessly clean, although it took some severe scrubbing to get down to the floor.

A large number of people who love splendid band music seized the occasion to hear the band concert, and as a result the balconies were well filled when Prof. August Hagenow raised his baton and the forty-piece band broke into the overture, "Morning, Noon and Night at Vienna," by Von Suppe. The remainder of the concert program was as follows:

Excerpts from "Faust," Gounod.  
Paraphrase, "Lorely," Nesvadba.  
Selections from "The Tattooed Man," Herbert.  
"Southern Airs," Asher.

Immediately after the close of the concert the entire band took up the grand march, and at 9:30 the dancing program was on. The grand march was led by Governor and Miss Shalshberger, State Treasurer and Mrs. Brian, General and Mrs. Hartigan, and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Furse. The march was participated in by about seventy couples, although three times that number were present. The dancers

were so numerous that even the spacious Auditorium floor was crowded, and had the ball been held in any other hall in the city dancing would have been impossible.

The entire membership joined in making the ball a success, but the committees in charge are entitled to thanks for their untiring efforts. These committees were as follows:

General—H. E. Newell, J. F. Kendrick, A. J. Bruse, H. F. McGurran, W. R. Fetterman, Mark Pierce, W. T. Quick, M. E. Bell, W. T. Pinney.

Reception—H. F. McGurran, F. J. Hampton, A. M. O'Kaine, Lewis Hagensiek, Ray Eastabrook, Carl Frollich, John Schwindt, Miss Ida M. Sidell, Miss Hazel O'Connor, Mrs. R. S. Howell, Mrs. F. J. Hampton.

Door—N. A. Otis, W. C. Layman, R. W. Fetterman, W. L. Davis.

Floor Manager—H. J. Gildersleeve.  
Many and enthusiastic were the compliments paid to the excellent concert program. Selected with a view to pleasing all tastes, the band played each number with spirit and finish and again emphasized the fact that Lincoln possesses one of the finest concert bands in the great west.

The programs were very tasty and will be preserved as souvenirs of a very pleasant evening by many of those who were present. There were twenty numbers, with several extras thrown in, and the big orchestra responded to frequent encores. The orchestra was made up of volunteers and averaged about fifteen pieces for each dance number. The musicians changed off so that each one could enjoy the dance. After the close of the theaters the orchestras came in and performed their share of the evening's work. Taken all in all it is doubtful if ever there was a more successful ball given in Lincoln.

workers in all lines of industry, and urged upon her hearers the further necessity of increasing vigilance, uncompromising honesty in all dealings with the general public and employers, and more intelligent efforts along lines of mental and moral development.

Prof. Eaves has given a lifetime of study to the industrial problem, and last Sunday afternoon she gave the benefits of her study freely to the workers of Lincoln. While the attendance was larger than the average, it was not nearly so large as it should have been. In Prof. Eaves the workers have a staunch friend, and organization an avowed supporter. At some time in the not distant future it is to be hoped that Prof. Eaves will again consent to speak at the Temple, and when she does the capacity of the largest hall should be crowded.

Judge W. H. England was to have been the speaker next Sunday, but he was suddenly called out of town Wednesday and will not be back until the middle of next week. The time being too short to secure another speaker, there will be no meeting at the Temple Sunday.

### JOHN B. LENNON COMING.

John B. Lennon, general secretary of the International Brotherhood of Tailors and treasurer of the American Federation of Labor, will speak at the Auditorium on Sunday evening, April 10, in advocacy of a continuance of the "dry" policy in Lincoln. Mr. Lennon is one of the most eloquent of the leaders in the labor movement. He will discuss the question from the economic standpoint, and the arguments he will present should be heard by the wage earners of Lincoln. A band concert will precede the speaking, the music being furnished by a union band. The meeting will be for men only, and every man and boy in the city is invited.

### AT LEAST BE HONEST.

A Cause Bolstered by Misrepresentation Not Worthy of Support.

There will be no option election in Chicago next month after all. The courts have found that the "dry" petition had 35,000 illegal names on it. That's purity and reform for you with a vengeance.—Fort Wayne, Indiana, Labor Times-Herald.

The Labor Times-Herald ought at least be fair—as fair as it asks other people to be. Its statement that the "courts found that the 'dry' petition had 35,000 illegal names on it" is absolutely untrue. No court has passed upon that petition. The election board did declare, after carefully studying the immense petition for a few minutes—it contained upwards of 350,000 names—that 35,000 names were the names of men who are not legal voters. The honesty of such a question may, with propriety, be questioned. First, because no body of men, no matter how honest and able they might be, could arrive at an honest conclusion after considering such an immense petition for a few hours, or a few days. Second, when we consider the class of men making up the political machinery of Chicago—from Bussey down to Hinky Dink and Bath House John, it is easy to understand why so many illegal names were found among 350,000 names in such a short space of time, without official investigation and a repelling of the names attached to the petition.

Any one who would expect the Chicago election board to accept a petition like the one mentioned above would expect a defense of unionism from Post, a panegyric on virtue from a scarlet woman or a decision in favor of labor from Judge Wright of Washington.

### WE APPRECIATE THE GAIN.

Lincoln Minister Who Left Many Union Friends in East.

In last week's Lincoln (Neb.) Wage-worker mention is made of an able address delivered by Rev. Arthur L. Weatherly in a series of Sunday afternoon talks in Lincoln's new Labor Temple.

The Rev. Mr. Weatherly, who until a few years ago was the pastor of the South Unitarian church in this city, will be remembered as having held broad views concerning the labor movement, and was just becoming intensely interested in the local movement when he left for the west.

His loss to Worcester, while sorely felt by a number of staunch friends in the local movement, was, however, a big gain for Lincoln trade unionists

whom we are certain have already learned to esteem him for his consistent and liberal views he entertains toward the movement, and his willingness to co-operate in making the lives of wage-earners happier and more contented.—Worcester (Mass.) Labor News.

### MAY DAY DANCE.

Labor Temple Benefit Ball Will Be Held on Monday, May 2.

The Labor Temple benefit ball has been deferred until Monday, May 2, and will be a "May Dance" that promises to go down in history as one of the finest celebrations of May Day ever held in the west. The ball will be held at the Auditorium. The tickets will be ready for distribution the first of the week, and the committee will call on each union and ask its hearty co-operation in their sale. If less than a thousand tickets are sold it will be due to the negligence and indifference of union men and women who ought not to rest content with the sale of less than 2,000 tickets. The proceeds will be for the benefit of the Temple.

A May pole dance will be one of the features of the evening. It is not necessary to say that the music will be of the best, and that no effort will be spared to make the occasion one to be long remembered with delight by those who participate.

### THE CEMENT WORKERS.

Final Organization Will Be Completed in a Very Short Time.

The Cement Workers will doubtless have a live organization, duly chartered, before the middle of the month. A couple of preliminary meetings have been held, and another one in a day or two will make final arrangements for permanent organization. More than enough names have been secured in order to get a charter, and it is believed that a union of practically 100 per cent will be secured before the season is well started. The cement industry is growing with leaps and bounds, and right now is the time for the men on the mixing boards, with the barrows, the trowels, the levels and the tapers to frame up conditions that will be of permanent benefit to themselves. It will be easier to do it now than it will be a year from now.

### STEAM ENGINEERS.

They Expect to Effect Permanent Organization Saturday Night.

The Stationary Engineers expect to effect a permanent organization tomorrow (Saturday) night, a meeting having been called at the Labor Temple for that purpose. Sixteen men have signed the roll and the charter has been sent for and is expected here before the meeting is called to order unless something unforeseen interferes.

A membership of more than fifty is in sight within a short time after permanent organization is effected, and it is believed that this organization will speedily be built up until it is even larger and stronger than the virile organization that existed several years ago.

### DARROW AT AUDITORIUM.

Hon. Clarence Darrow of Chicago will speak at the Auditorium Sunday in advocacy of a return to the license system. Mr. Darrow was the leading counsel for the defense in the famous Moyer-Haywood cases a year or so ago. His legal and oratorical ability is beyond question, and the advocates of license could have secured no stronger man to present their case. A cordial invitation is extended to the general public to hear this eloquent gentleman.

### A FAKE SCARE.

"Hookworm" Only an Effort to Minimize the Evils of Child Labor.

"Apparently the hookworm is the last morsel of bait the southern defenders of child labor can dig up," says Owen Lovejoy, general secretary of the National Child-Labor Committee, commenting upon an article in a current magazine defending the employment of children in the cotton mills of the south on the ground that it is better than exposing them to the danger of hookworm infection in the mountain homes of the poor whites.

And this defense certainly savors of the week-end angler's excuse for an empty creel.—Duluth Labor World.

## CENTRAL LABOR UNION

A special called meeting of the Central Labor Union was held at the Labor Temple Wednesday evening for the purpose of considering the fight now on between the Gas Co. and the Electrical Workers. President Parker called the meeting to order. Organizer Crowley of the Printing Pressmen and Assistants' Union of North America responded briefly to a call for some remarks, and urged upon union men the necessity of educating themselves along union lines, and of taking a deeper interest in the necessary work of the organizations to which they belong.

District President Perrin of the Electrical Workers then took the floor and briefly recounted the struggle now on with the Gas Co. He told of the utter failure to secure any settlement with the company, and explained how Manager Adams had refused to negotiate either with a committee from the

local or a committee from his own employes. Then he made a plea for the support of organized labor in an effort to bring about a settlement. The matter was discussed pro and con, and finally a motion was made to the effect that union men and women be requested to withdraw their patronage from the Lincoln Gas and Electric Light Co. and from the Armstrong Clothing Co. until such time as the matter is adjusted. The motion was carried by a unanimous rising vote.

A committee was then appointed to prepare a statement for the public. Another motion was made and carried that the directors of the Labor Temple Association be requested to discontinue the use of Gas Co. current in the Temple, resorting to candles if necessary.

The Armstrong Clothing Co. is brought into the controversy by reason of the fact that Mr. Armstrong is president of the Gas Co.

## ELECTRICAL WORKERS

Every effort to negotiate a settlement of the difficulty with the Lincoln Gas and Electric Light Co. having failed, the Electrical Workers have decided to begin the fight in earnest. The implied threat that if they instituted reprisals there would be an organization of a "Business Men's Association" was the last straw, and from now on the Electrical Workers will "go to it," and the gas company will soon realize that it has a fight on its hands.

Wednesday evening the facts were laid before a meeting of the Central Labor Union, and as a result the gas company is going to have to deal with two or three thousand union men and women instead of with a little bunch of Electrical Workers. The proceedings of the special meeting of the

Central Labor Union will be found elsewhere.

One of the gas company's imported strikebreakers, hailing from Iowa, did not last any longer than the strikers could get to him. He said he never would have come had he known the conditions; but he came with the understanding that more men were needed on account of new work.

Two imported "scabs" from Montgomery, Ala., are still here, having been advanced transportation and sleeping car fare. They said they were not told of existing conditions, but all efforts to get them to tote fair with their fellow workers have been useless so far.

District President Perrin is still in Lincoln conducting the struggle from the Electrical Workers' standpoint, and he is being ably backed by a committee of "live ones."

## PRESSMEN & ASSISTANTS

The Pressmen and Assistants are a busy bunch these days. They are negotiating a new wage scale with the assistance of Organizer Crowley, and already that gentleman is producing results. He is not only getting there with his negotiations with the employing printers, but he is instilling new life and enthusiasm into the local's membership.

The Pressmen and Assistants are getting ready to give their new home for Union Pressmen and Assistants a big boost. President Barry of the international says he is going to raise

\$50,000 all by his lonesome, and the rest of the members are expected to come across with one day's pay some time during the month of May, all the money thus raised to go towards equipping and endowing the Home. The international has purchased 500 acres in the mountains of Tennessee, and will erect thereon a home for the aged, disabled and superannuated members, and also a tuberculosis sanitarium. It is a big and humane project, and the loyal union men of that organization are bound to make it a huge success.

## CARPENTERS & JOINERS

With next Monday night's meeting of the series of "open meetings" of the Carpenters and Joiners will cease, and the local will get back to the regular way of meeting. The revival campaign has been a glorious success, nearly 200 members having been added since the revival began.

Good speakers will be on hand at Monday night's meeting, and it is expected that the last of the revivals will be the king pin of the whole lot. Organizer Michler is expected here, and he will start off the rejuvenated union in great shape.

The Carpenters and Joiners show a disposition to fight shy of participation in a building trades council, a motion not to affiliate having been adopted at the last meeting. It is hinted, however, that a reconsideration will be had soon and the matter discussed at greater length.

The building season has opened up in fine shape, and there is lots of work on hand and a lot more in sight. The Carpenters are well satisfied with the conditions prevailing at the ball park, and have no specific complaints to make.

## THE CIGARMAKERS

"Business about the same, and nothing doing so far as news is concerned." That is about all the satisfaction that could be gotten out of the cigarmakers who spend an occasional leisure hour around the Labor Temple. There is hourly little "dry" sentiment

among the cigarmakers, as they know full well that "wet" means a largely increased demand for the product of their labor. The local meets the first Monday in each month. John Steiner is president and T. W. Evans secretary.

### A. F. OF L. FINANCES.

The income and expenditures of the American Federation of Labor for the quarter just ended show, according to Secretary Frank Morrison's report, \$88,770.71 of income which added to the balance in the treasury brings the total up to \$204,074.17. The expendi-

tures were \$50,907.46, leaving a net balance of \$153,166.71.

Striking cigarmaker girls in Cincinnati, who returned to work pending arbitration, are again on strike, Newberger refusing to agree to the terms of arbitration.

## AMONG THE LATHERS

The Lathers' Union is not asleep these days. Quite the contrary. Several new members have recently been added, and a movement is on foot to offer inducements to former members to get back into the fold. Members who have allowed their membership to lapse will be reinstated upon payment of the per capita tax. All members who are in continuous good standing from May 1 to November 1

will not be required to pay any dues until the opening of the following season.

The Lathers have not yet asked for an increased wage scale, although that may be done in the near future. An increase was secured last spring. The local meets on the fourth Monday at the Labor Temple. Harry Williams is president and Will Jacobs secretary.

## PAINTERS & DECORATORS

The Painters and Decorators got busy last week, and with a little effort, aided and abetted by other craftsmen, brought about a settlement of a little matter of importance to them. Noting the fact that the painting and sign writing at the ball park was being performed, or about to be performed, by an unfair contractor, they started a fire under the ball club management. As a result Messrs. Stoner and Despain asked for a conference, which was readily granted, and as a result of the conference the

Lincoln Sign Works Co. "came across" and signed up with the local. At the same time Messrs. Stoner and Despain made satisfactory adjustment of several other little matters, and now everything is lovely and the goose hangs high. All of which means an even better patronage of the ball games by union men than ever before.

The local is adding to its membership every day, and additional signatures to the new wage scale come with pleasing regularity. The indications are that there will not be the slightest trouble.

## TYPOGRAPHICAL TIPS

The Typographical Union will meet at the Temple Sunday afternoon at 2:30. Business of importance will be considered and all members are urged to be present.

Billy Bustard has leased the "Merg" at the State Printing Co. and will enter the commercial field.

The Claffin Printing Co. secured the contract for printing Bulletin No. 18 of the Bureau of Labor and Industrial Statistics—the "Bulletin of Organized Labor" in Nebraska.

The Wage-worker printers is located at 1705 O street. Call and get acquainted.

## TALKS AT THE TEMPLE

Prof. Lucille Eaves, of the Department of Sociology, University of Nebraska, was the speaker at the Labor Temple last Sunday afternoon, taking for her subject "Lessons from the San Francisco Labor Situation." In many respects it was the most interesting and instructive of the several already given at the Temple. She reviewed rapidly and briefly the growth of trades unionism in San Francisco, which has the credit of being per-

haps the most thoroughly organized city in the country, especially in the building trades lines, and asserted that the splendid conditions obtaining there are the direct result of organization. She mentioned specific instances where the thorough organization prevented the establishment of institutions that would have beaten down the wage scale had conditions been otherwise. She emphasized the economic necessity of organization of