

THE PLUMBERS.

Eager for Building Trades Council and Pushing the Project.

The Plumbers are almost a unit in favoring the organization of a Building Trades Council, and they can not grasp the reasons the Carpenters advance for blocking the plan. The Plumbers are in good shape—better than for several years past—and work is coming along at a very gratifying rate.

Master plumbers of Omaha and their journeymen are now about at the point where they must come to close quarters to make things right in that trade for the present meeting.

At a recent meeting the master plumbers decided that they will ask for certain shop rules that have not heretofore prevailed. They want the journeymen to report at 7:45 at the shops, preparatory to starting work at 8. They also want the journeymen to furnish their own furnaces and wrenches up to a certain size.

It seems the journeymen have a rule that no man can show up at the shop sooner than 7:55, and they will strenuously object to the abrogation of this rule, holding that five minutes leeway is plenty in which to prepare for the day's work. They do not supply their own furnaces or wrenches, either, and do not want to.

While the proposed new shop rules of the master plumbers are not yet formally presented to the journeymen, their gist is pretty well known. The innovations will be resisted, and a demand for a higher rate of pay will be made. The present rate is \$5 a day, and it is understood, without being announced as a fact that the new demand will be for \$8 a day.

Both sides are keeping cool and saying nothing, but the wires are all laid for the negotiations that must soon open.

THE ELECTRICAL WORKERS.

Everything Serene and Work Enough to Keep All Busy.

Things in the Electrical Workers' line have settled back into the old condition and everybody is happy. There is lots of work going on and the men who are idle are idle more from choice than compulsion.

W. L. Mayer, secretary-treasurer of the Iowa-Nebraska district council, has been sent over into Iowa to prosecute the work of organization while Organizer Perrin devotes his time to settling a few little local troubles. Saw President Hanna the other day and asked him how things were. Jabbing his spur into an electric light pole and reaching out his right hand for a fresh hold he replied:

"O, things are looking up."

Then he looked up some more and went on up.

THE BRICKLAYERS.

All Singing, "Gee, But This is a Lonesome Town!"

"Nothing doing." That's the complaint among the Bricklayers and Masons these days. It has been a long, long time since work in the mason line was as slack at this season of the year. A lot of contemplated work has been called off awaiting some evidence that the drouth will not continue until a crop failure is practically certain. Several big jobs are in sight in the near future, but just now there isn't enough work to notice.

But you can't discourage a bricklayer and mason. The men are all looking cheerful and taking things as they come, knowing that if things are dull now there'll come a time when they'll be rushing.

Several local members drifted up to Omaha last week and this, looking for work, but they drifted back with the information that Omaha was laboring under the same local conditions.

THE CARPENTERS.

Turn Down Proposition to Join in Organizing Buildings Trades.

The Carpenters have turned down the proposition to organize a Building Trades Council in Lincoln. Various reasons are given by the men who defeated the proposition, and doubtless the believe them to be sufficient.

No. 1055 is still growing, new members being obligated at every weekly meeting. The work of propaganda goes merrily forward.

Work is good in the carpenter line these days, and is confined almost wholly to residence building. A lot of work is promised when the Old Line Bankers' Life and the First National Bank buildings are under way.

STREET RAILWAY MEN.

President Jones Handed a Package By Traction Company Manager.

General Manager McCullough of the United Street Railway Co. of St. Louis announces a wage increase of 1 cent an hour. A few weeks ago the car men in St. Louis organized, but

of course General Manager McCullough assures them and the public that the organization had nothing to do with the wage increase. Of course not! It had nothing to do with that much-vaunted "increase in Lincoln about a year ago."

Same old "Durham."

SAME OLD FAKE.

And Wise Merchants Bite at the Bait In Same Old Way.

He had a smooth lot of "Durham" at his command. Was getting up a directory of all the railroad brotherhoods and unions. Would print them in two colors, artistically and beautifully, and hang 'em up all over the city. Had a few spaces to sell where-in merchants could advertise their business.

They took the bait, hook, bob and sinker.

Mr. Smooth Man printed enough of them to make a showing, went around and collected about \$175 for a job worth about \$15, and then "flew the town."

Among the merchants who paid big money for small space on a card that less than a score of people will ever read, were members of the Commercial Club who joined in agreeing to cut out all advertising schemes promoted by outside solicitors.

We'll bet a four-dollar dog against a couple of two-dollar cats that the merchants who "took space" on the card can't locate two dozen of them outside of the ones given the men who took the space.

TEMPLE DIRECTORS.

Short Meeting That Attends to Quite a Bit of Business.

The directors of the Labor Temple Association met at the Temple Monday evening and attended to quite a bit of important business. It was decided to proceed at once with the work of equipping a library and reading room, and thirty feet of the front of the north room will be utilized. A partition will be put in, after which arches will be cut between the two big rooms and the rear end of the north room equipped with more billiard and pool tables. The three pool tables and the lone billiard table are now being kept hot all the time, and Manager Rudy believes that four more tables can be kept busy to great financial advantage. A committee of which Secretary Ibringer is chairman, will bustle the wherewithal to equip the library. The bricklayer director declared that his local would cut a window in the north wall without expense to the association. A committee of one was appointed to arrange for a theatrical benefit. Secretary Ibringer agreed to hold on to the job if he were allowed to employ a little help now and then, and this was agreed to without division.

LABOR'S MEMORIAL DAY.

Sunday, May 8, Designated as Such by American Federation.

Sunday, May 8, will be "Labor Memorial Day," the second Sunday in May of each year having been so designated by a resolution adopted by the American Federation of Labor. The occasion should be duly observed in Lincoln by the unionists of this city and Havelock.

The Wagerworker suggests that the Central Labor Union take the matter in charge, appoint the proper committees and proceed to make the day one long to be remembered in this community.

The men who have fought in the Army of Industry and Peace, and who have laid down life's load, are entitled to recognition at the hands of their surviving comrades. As unionists we ought to pay them a tribute of loving words and beautiful flowers. A memorial sermon, special music and a song service—that would be the right thing to do on Sunday, May 8th.

WHO THEY ARE.

It seems that a majority of the switchmen who have been apprehended for stealing from the cars in the Kansas City Southern yards obtained their jobs a few years ago by scabbing on members of the Switchmen's Union, who were striking for more wages. If what the papers say in regard to the amount of goods stolen is true, it would have been far cheaper to accede to the demands of the union switchmen, a fact which the officials of the railway company no doubt realize by this time.—Kansas City Labor Herald.

UNION BETTER THAN CHARITY.

The Steamfitters and Helpers' Union of New York, have decided to take care of the family of John P. McLaughlin, who was killed by a scab while on picket duty. His wife and two children will not be a burden on the city, or anybody, say the steamfitters.

THE BARBERS.

Lining Up More Shops to Carry the Badge of Unionism.

The Barbers are not content with the number of shops that sport the union shop card. Nor will they be content until every shop in the city is "on the square." Not being content they are prosecuting a campaign that is bringing results.

"By the first of May," remarked Secretary Robertson the other day, "we'll have a half-dozen or more shops to add to the 'fair list' in The Wagerworker. We've got them coming in good shape."

In the current issue of "Everybody's" Judge Ben Lindsay tells how he was elected as an independent candidate in Denver, being the first independent candidate ever elected in Arapahoe county. He says he went into the campaign hopeless and discouraged, and then, in explanation of his victory, he tells how the union men, and especially the Barbers, pulled him through to a glorious victory. He says:

"They (the opponents of Lindsey's reform) certainly did not deceive the laboring men. I was admitted to the meetings of their unions and addressed them night after night. In company with Rev. A. H. Fish of the Central Presbyterian church, and L. M. French, a labor leader, I went to the factories and shops at the luncheon hour, talking to the men and women workers. We made it plain that our fight was against the tyranny of the corporations. The unions passed resolutions endorsing our work AND THE MEMBERS OF THE BARBERS' UNION MADE EVERY BARBER SHOP IN DENVER A CENTER OF PROPAGANDA WHICH THEIR LATHERED CUSTOMERS COULD NOT ESCAPE. We sent out from our headquarters cards to the voters for them to sign, pledging their votes, and we received 23,000 of these pledges signed."

We've got a mental photograph of those Union Barbers of Denver boosting for Lindsey! Get the voter in the chair, swathe him up in a towel lather him for fair, and then pour the campaign dope into him. Say that's a great scheme, and we'll bear it in mind when we are trying to elect some good union men to the legislature this fall.

SIZING UP "TEDDY."

German Writer Says He is the Most Magnificent Bluffer Known.

BERLIN, April 15.—Maximilian Harden has written an article in today's Zukunft entitled "Theodore the Great," in which he says that Roosevelt is but a bluff, who has made more noise than all the presidents that preceded him put together.

According to Harden, Roosevelt has never achieved anything except to plunge his country into a crisis, the consequences of which have not as yet been recovered from. Germany, Harden says, has no reason to fete the captain of the Rough Riders as a hero, or a trusty friend, on account of some trivial attentions, because it is he who humiliated Germany by causing the Kaiser to accept the French proposals for the policing of Morocco.

"Roosevelt," says Harden, "is making a tour of bluff through Europe."

CAPITAL AUXILIARY

Capital Auxiliary met at the Labor Temple April 13. Mrs. F. H. Hebbard, hostess.

The applications of Mrs. J. D. Smith and Mrs. J. E. Brinkworth were acted upon and both ladies were unanimously elected to membership.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Crompton have the sympathy of their many friends in their recent bereavement.

Mrs. W. M. Maupin and Mrs. Bert Pentler are both of them rejoicing over the visit the stork has paid them recently.

Our next meeting will be held Wednesday, April 27, at the Labor Temple. Mrs. O. Hoffmeister, hostess.

PRAISE FROM SIR HUBERT!

The Journal is pleased to note the sixth anniversary of its contemporary, The Wagerworker, of Lincoln, Neb. Editor Maupin is to be congratulated upon the success of The Wagerworker during the past six years and still more upon the bright prospects with which it begins the seventh year. The Wagerworker is clean, able and, above all, cheerful, a paper well worth reading and a power for good to its locality. More power to it!—Coast Seaman's Journal.

NEBRASKA FARMER SIGNS.

The Nebraska Farmer signed up with the Printing Pressmen and Assistants Union the first of the week. This punched another hole in the armor of the "Ben Franklin Club." A few more holes in that armor and there'll not be room for another one.

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