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### THE SCHOOLMA'AM'S OWN FAULT.

The schoolma'am is the guiding star of the republic. She takes the little bantling fresh from the home nest, full of his pouts, his pets and his passions, ungovernable in many cases, a rampant, riotous little wretch, whose own mother often admits she sends him to school purposely to get rid of him. The schoolma'am takes a whole carload of these little anarchists, half of whom singly and alone cannot be handled by their own mother, and she puts them in the way of becoming useful citizens. The schoolma'am really is not appreciated for what she is worth.

—Dawson County Pioneer

For the life of us we can not feel sorry for the schoolma'am. We've tried time and again to muster up sympathy for her, but just about the time we got our sympathy works to going she would turn her pretty little nose up at the idea of her being classed with us ordinary mechanics and insist that she was a "professional lady," therefore beneath her dignity to organize along trades union lines like the men who handle trowels, or branes or saws or hammers or pliers or soldering irons. Then something akin to a monkeywrench would drop into the wheels of our sympathy machine and everything would go to smash. The average schoolma'am who draws about \$40 a month for seven months in the year wouldn't think for a minute of sitting by the side of some overworked mechanic in a meeting to discuss ways and means. She would deem it undignified in a "professional woman" to associate in a delegate capacity with a plumber or a bricklayer. But while she is engaged in the difficult task outlined by our Dawson county contemporary, and drawing about \$1.40 a day for it, the plumber is merrily whistling away and drawing as much before 10:30 in the morning as Miss Schoolma'am draws for her entire day of distracting toil.

Why is this thus?

If we never strike anything harder than that question we're going to get through the rest of life almighty easy. The plumber is organized and the schoolma'am isn't. That's the answer. The plumber has some voice in the fixing of his wages, and the schoolma'am has none whatever.

In 1909 the average monthly earnings of the union printers of North America was \$50. The average monthly earnings of the unorganized teachers of the United States was less than \$50. We'll wager a cookie that you can pick out the fifty best paid teachers in Lincoln and their yearly salaries will not equal the yearly wages of fifty union printers we can pick out. Yet, if there is anybody on the face of the earth who ought to be getting the top notch wages it is the teachers of our public schools. Why should the teacher who deals with the brain and soul of the child draw a paltry \$2 a day for that work while the man who handles insensate brick and mortar draws \$6 a day? But the bricklayer would be drawing \$2 a day or less if he and his comrades were unorganized as the teachers in our public schools. But if you undertake to talk to the teachers about organizing along trades union lines you'll insult them. "We are not in the class with mechanics!" they will exclaim. You bet they are not. They'd be tickled to death to be in the same class with some crafts when it comes to pay day, however. But they will never be the equals of the skilled craftsmen in the matter of wages—or salaries, if that sounds better to their dainty ears—until they get rid of some of the high-falutin' notions and organize on trades union lines.

The Wageworker was instrumental, once upon a time, in getting Mar-

garet Haley of Chicago, to come to Lincoln and tell how the Chicago teachers did so organize, with the result that they got an immediate raise of salary and immeasurably better conditions. We invited every teacher in Lincoln to hear her, and just two responded. After that experience we are very frank to confess that we don't care a snap of a finger whether the Lincoln teachers ever get better salaries. If the school teachers of the United States were as well organized as any one of a dozen crafts we could name, inside of the next five years the wages of the teachers would be increased from 25 to 50 per cent.

We cheerfully admit all that Dawson County Pioneer says of the schoolma'am, but we reiterate that for the life of us we can not muster any appreciable amount of sympathy for her.

### REMEMBER THIS NAME.

There will be another election in Lincoln some of these days. Maybe it will be the same old kind of a city election we have had in the past. Maybe it will be an election under the commission plan of government. But whatever the kind it will be just as well for union men to cut out the following name and paste it in their hats for future reference.

**ALDERMAN CANDY.**  
There may be others whose names should be added to that of Alderman Candy, and they will be added as occasion warrants. Alderman Candy is a mighty good man for union labor voters to oppose if ever he comes up for election to public office again. When the union painters of the city protested to the city council against using the firemen to paint houses and barns belonging to the city, Alderman Candy wanted to "file" the protest. In other words he didn't want to give a large body of laborers, most of them taxpayers, a fair hearing. He wanted to treat the whole thing with indifference. When Alderman Schroeder insisted on the laboring men having a fair hearing, Alderman Candy waxed sarcastic. He is chairman of the fire committee, to whom the protest was finally referred, and when it was referred he jumped up and impudently declared that he was ready to report then and there.

Alderman Candy is not the first man to swell up after being elected to a petty little office, nor is he the first victim of an enlarged caput to imagine that the "greasy mechanics" are not worthy of attention.

Alderman Candy is going to hear from that little action if ever he comes up for office again, and all the taffy Candy can give the voters will not suffice to wipe out remembrance of his insult last Monday evening.

### LABOR'S MEMORIAL SUNDAY.

On Sunday, May 8, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, Labor Temple, "Labor's Memorial Sunday" will be duly observed. Every unionist and his wife and every union sympathizer and his wife, is invited to attend. And it is the duty of every unionist to attend. It is the duty he owes to himself, to his comrades who have gone before, and to the men who will come after him to carry on the work of unionism. The mere announcement of the fact should suffice to fill the Temple to overflowing.

Rev. Mr. Zenor, pastor of the East Lincoln Christian church, and fraternal delegate to the Central Labor Union from the Ministerial Association, will deliver the memorial address. A special musical program will be rendered.

The daily newspapers love to tell in detail all the trouble during the strikes. Ever notice how they unthinkingly refrain from telling of the troubles that cause the strikes? But don't, for heaven's sake, quit taking the daily papers. If you did you wouldn't have the excuse of "too many paper now" to use when asked to support your own labor press.

A hundred years from now the people will understand me better," says John D. Rockefeller. You bet they will! And a hundred years from now our great grandchildren will be wondering what kind of daddings asses their great-grandparents were to stand for a man like Rockefeller.

We are inclined to think that Emil Seidel has made Milwaukee vastly more famous than any brew of beer ever sent out from that burg.

Councilman Schroeder has again made evident the fact that he is a mighty good man for organized labor to stand for. Mr. Schroeder is always fair.

Do not ask for "Elgin" shirts with the idea that it is union made. That firm has refused to continue the use of the label.

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for a statue to rebels," shrieks the Schneckstady Leader, referring to the proposal to erect in statuary hall, Washington, a memorial to Robert E. Lee. O, fudge! That sort of policy would prevent the erection of statues to Washington, Putnam, Marion or Warren. The greatest men that ever lived were "rebels." Some of them won and became "patriots." Some lost and remained "rebels." Sam Gompers is a "rebel." So is Gene Debs, and John Mitchell, and Raymond Robins, and every other man who is fighting present-day injustice. We'd rather be a rampaging "rebel" any day in the week, providing we were rebelling against injustice and oppression, than to be a do-nothing "patriot" whose patriotism consists in kissing the hand that rules and smites.

The Thirty-second congressional district of New York is republican by 10,000 majority under ordinary circumstances. Last week a special election was held in that district. The republican candidate was an enemy of organized labor. The democratic candidate was endorsed by the American Federation of Labor and elected by 6,000 plurality. What's the answer?

A little bit of verse entitled "Preaching vs. Practice," is still going the rounds of the labor press, but it long since lost its credit. The verse originally appeared in The Wageworker, and if it is worth reprinting, it is worth crediting, brethren.

President Taft has asked for an appropriation of \$250,000 to pay the expenses of an investigation into the workings of the tariff law. O, thunder! Just ask any workingman or his wife.

We greatly fear that Mayor Jim Underestimates the mental capacity of the people when he figures that they will put the state house on the trail of the bungalow in a whisky barrel.

If the democracy of Indiana swallows the senatorial candidacy of the odiferous and notorious Tom Taggart, we hope the blamed old party will die of blood poisoning.

The Chicago board of education made up of men appointed by Mayor Busse, himself a tool of special interests, at the behest of the special in-

terests, has discharged the architect of the school board because he designed school buildings entirely too handsome and sanitary for the stockyards districts. Of course! Any old kind of a building is good enough to house the children of the workingmen.

We often shudder to think what a lot of would-be politicians would be up against it if Teddy should die before he could get back home and tell 'em what 'o do.

Post is due to throw another fit. There's many a reason.

### WORKING THE MEN.

"Spotters" are now hired by manufacturers to set the pace for other workmen. One of them will be imported and set to work in a shop, and for a large salary, will work his head off for a month. He then retires on his laurels and rests up for two months. In the mean time the employers try to induce the men to equal the record of the "stool pigeon" for a day's work. No man could stand the pace set any length of time. When worn out permanently they are ready for the junk pile and cast adrift.—Lansing, Mich., Square Deal.

### SOCIALISTS IN WISCONSIN

Milwaukee was not the only city in Wisconsin where the Socialists showed their strength recently. Similar victories have been won at Washburn, Superior, Manitowoc, Two Rivers and Cudahy. G. A. Hering was elected mayor in Washburn, and Henry M. Parks was elected supervisor. In Two Rivers Fred Athen was chosen assessor. At Cudahy a Socialist alderman was elected, Superior and Manitowoc have each for the first time elected a Socialist supervisor.

### CAPITAL AUXILIARY.

Capital Auxiliary met in regular session Wednesday, April 27th, at the Labor Temple, Mrs. O. Hoffmeister being the hostess.

Mrs. W. P. Hogard and Mrs. J. D. Smith were given the membership pledge.

The members were pleased to have Mrs. E. J. Wolf with them again after a trip of two months through the southern states and Mexico.

The president has asked all members to attend a sewing circle at the home of Mrs. C. B. Righter, 2308 Dudley, Thursday, May 5th. Those who can are requested to spend the

day. There will probably be a special meeting at the same place, notice of which will be given in the daily papers.

The next regular meeting will be held at the Labor Temple, Tuesday May 10th, Mrs. Fred Ibringer, hostess.

The Rev. William Thurston Brown of Salt Lake City, Utah, will speak at the Unitarian church on Tuesday evening, May 3rd, on "The Spiritual Significance of the World-Wide Socialist Movement." Mr. Brown is associate editor of "Up the Divide," and author of "Socialism and Primitive Christianity," "The Real Religion of Today," "The Axe at the Root," "After Capitalism What?" and other books on subjects of vital interest. Mr. Brown is a powerful and convincing speaker, as well as an orator of ability. The public is invited to attend this free lecture.

### Harsh Fate.

He is sometimes slave who should be master; and sometimes master who should be slave.—Cleero.

### WANT HALF HOLIDAY.

Members of the Carpenters' union of Springfield, Mass., on May 1, will make a demand for a half holiday with the same pay which they are now receiving, according to information now obtainable. The minimum pay of a full fledged carpenter in Springfield is \$3.25 a day, and in consideration of the pay which the other union men of the building trades are receiving, they believe they are entitled to a half-holiday Saturdays.

### UNION BARBER SHOPS.

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:

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- Geo. Shaffer, Lincoln Hotel.
- C. B. Ellis, Windsor Hotel.
- C. W. Laffer, Capital Hotel.
- E. L. Scott, Royal Hotel.
- A. L. Kimmerer, Lindell Hotel.
- C. A. Green, 120 No. 11th St.
- W. G. Worth, 1132 O St.
- E. A. Woods, 1206 O St.
- Chaplin & Ryan, 129 No. 12th St.
- Bert Sturm, 116 So. 13th St.
- J. B. Raynor, 1501 O St.
- W. H. Barthelma, 123 So. 12th St.
- J. J. Simpson, 922 P St.
- E. J. Dudley, 822 P St.
- Lundahl & Warde, 210 So. 13th St.
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