

# LABOR'S MEMORIAL

Labor Memorial Sunday was fittingly observed in Lincoln, the meeting being held at the Labor Temple. The large hall was comfortably well filled, but the audience was by no means as large as it should have been. But the attendance was the largest of any of the three meetings since the custom of observing the day was adopted. But one feature marred the occasion—the presence upon the outside of the hall of a number of men who not only failed to show a proper respect for the memory of their departed friends, but made so much noise that those in the hall were seriously inconvenienced.

The musical program was fully up to the promises made by the committee and exceeded the anticipation of the most sanguine. A quartet under the direction of Prof. George H. Walters, rendered three selections in a manner to win the highest praise from the audience. The quartet was composed of Mr. Walters, basso; Mr. S. M. Brigham, tenor; Mrs. J. Pugsley, soprano; Miss Bolva Cotton, alto. Miss Grace Trowbridge was the accompanist. Prof. Walters also led the audience in singing "Nearer, My God, to Thee," and "Coronation."

The memorial address was delivered by Rev. Mr. Zenor, pastor of the East Lincoln Christian church, and fraternal delegate from the Ministerial Association to the Central Labor Union. He detailed briefly the upward and onward struggle of labor from serfdom to comparative freedom, and spoke eloquently of the trials and sacrifices of the earlier leaders in the labor movement. He pointed out, also, the advantages that had accrued to labor by reason of organization, and mentioned many things yet to be accomplished before labor shall come into its own. The emphasis placed upon the necessity of organization and co-operation among the workers was especially strong.

"The greatest inheritance we can leave our children is character," said the speaker. "We may not be able to leave them fortunes from which they may reap large incomes, and it is perhaps for the best that this is so. But we can leave them something far better than money—we can leave them the inheritance of character nobly formed. We can leave them the memory that we, too, fought as our fathers fought to leave conditions better than we found them. We can leave them the example of lives of usefulness, and bequeath to them the incentive to dare and do for civic righteousness, for equal justice, and for the quicker coming of a full realization of the fatherhood of God, and the brotherhood of man. To this end, then, we should strive with all the power of heart and mind that God has given us."

The tribute paid by the speaker to the pioneers in the labor movement was eloquent and impressive, and the whole address was calculated to inspire those who heard it.

**SENATOR OWEN'S CHARGE.**  
Senator Owen of Oklahoma in presenting a resolution to investigate the Bethlehem (Pa.), steel works, dominated by the pious fraud, Charles Schwab, to learn whether the charges of the strikers that defective ordinance is palmed off on the government are true, declared that the Associated Press has refused to print practically everything relating to the strike. Either Mr. Schwab or Mr. Melville E. Stone can tell you the reason. It's safe to say labor didn't bribe the Associated Press."  
—Oklahoma Labor Unit.

**O, PLAY THE GAME FAIR.**  
Just As Well to Investigate and Learn the True Facts.

Now that prohibition has carried in Lincoln, Nebraska, the workingmen are told that the church is a good enough place for a workingman to go, and that the proposed amusement halls for workingmen will not be established.—Portland Labor Press.

Why not play the game square? The Portland Labor Press is too good a labor paper to give space to such utterances without at least trying to ascertain the real facts.

Lincoln has been a prohibition city for fourteen months. Since the city went "dry" we have opened up one of the prettiest and most commodious Labor Temples in the country, and we have no hesitancy in declaring that it is not excelled by any Labor Temple in any city of Lincoln's size in the whole United States. Among the men who helped the Labor Temple along with generous subscriptions are some of the most zealous advocates of a "dry city" in all Lincoln. Some of the largest stockholders in the Temple Association are non-union men—merchants, professional men and capitalists—and we venture the assertion that 75 per cent of them voted "dry" at the last referendum election. One of the chief platform advocates of a "dry city," a member of the local bar, offers to head a list with \$1,000 to make the Temple an assured success, and his offer will find many followers as soon as the matter is taken up.

The "amusement hall for workingmen" is already established. It contains pool and billiard tables, card tables, restaurant, confectionery and cigar stands and a library.

The Lincoln workingman is not being told that the church is "a good enough place" for him to go, but he is told that the church is a good place to go, and there is no one who will dispute the assertion. And a lot of Lincoln workingmen do go to church, and those who do are the better for it.

Come, now, brother; play the game square! We may not be able to agree on this little matter of license or no-license, but we certainly can agree on the policy of dealing justly.

No hard feelings, we hope.

**MIGHT HAVE TOLD A LIE.**

A British workman stopped a fashionably dressed clubman in a West End street and asked for a light for

his pipe. The man-about-town condescendingly supplied him with a match. "Thank yer," remarked the grateful workman, "you're every inch a gentleman." "Sorry I can't say the same of you," replied the clubman with a supercilious smile. "Well," retorted the worker as he picked up his bag of tools, "yer might have been perlitte enuf to tell a lie, same as I did."—London Labor Leader.

## THE PLUMBERS.

**Nothing Exciting to Report in Local Circles Just Now.**

Things are so quiet in Union Plumber circles these days that it would be easy to hear a dewdrop, and the sound of a gumdrop would startle the boys like a clap of thunder would a Sunday school picnic. Work is fairly good and the prospects better.

This from Lansing, Mich., may prove interesting: There is no change in the situation in the Union Plumbers strike at Lansing. The union plumbers held a meeting Monday night, but nothing new developed. They have asked for a recognition of their union, an eight-hour day, with a scale of \$3.50, and will hold out until the master plumbers will accede to their request. On the other hand, the master plumbers will abide by their agreement made last Friday at their meeting. They are willing to arbitrate on the wage question, at least some of them, but the question of recognition of the union is a matter upon which all have decided is beyond arbitration. The men are confident that as soon as the masters can settle a quarrel which has developed among themselves, an agreement will be reached.

The Union Plumbers of Fort Wayne, Ind., went out on Monday of last week to enforce a demand for an increased wage scale and better working conditions. General Organizer Kennedy of Chicago is in charge of the situation. It has been six years since the Fort Wayne plumbers have had a wage increase, and the one of six years ago was so slight as to be scarcely noticeable.

## CARPENTERS AND JOINERS.

**Increased Scale Went Into Effect With But Little Difficulty.**

Last Monday morning the union carpenters of Lincoln went to work at a wage scale increased from 35 to 40 cents an hour. In just two instances was it necessary to take action. Two contractors refused to pay the increase and the men were called out. On one job two non-union men answered the call, packing their tools and walking out with the union men. In both cases the strike was of short duration, the contractors acceding to the new scale. As a result of the organization the carpenters of Lincoln are now drawing 40 cents a day more wages than they did last Monday, and there are a lot of non-union carpenters who never put up a cent to bring about the benefit who are enjoying it equally with the enterprising and loyal men who did. But it was ever thus.

At the meeting last Monday night thirteen new members were obligated

and several applications laid over for lack of time to exclude them.

The recent rains have had a beneficial effect in more ways than one. In addition to starting the gardens to growing and reviving the wheat, they also stimulated the building industry. As a result there is plenty of work in hand and lots more in sight.

Union carpenters at Norristown, Pa., went on strike Monday, and work on the new houses about town has ceased. The carpenters demanded forty cents an hour and an eight-hour day. The builders refused to grant this demand and offered the men 35 1-2 cents an hour and a fifty-four hour week. The carpenters have been receiving 32 1-2 cents an hour for nine hours' work. About three hundred men are affected.

It has been several years since 1055 was represented in a national convention of the Brotherhood, but it is quite likely that it will be represented at the Des Moines convention next September. That convention promises to be the largest in the history of the Brotherhood. The labor commissioner of Iowa, Van Duyn, is a member of the Carpenters' Union. So is Senator Cummings. And Des Moines, a city that "does things," may be counted upon to give the delegates and visitors the time of their lives.

## THE LEATHERWORKERS.

**Misunderstanding From Headquarters Results In Temporary Mix-Up.**

Through a misunderstanding, due to a little mix-up at international headquarters, the Leatherworkers on Horse Goods now out on strike in Lincoln were thrown into confusion early in the week. The matter is now clearly understood and the strike has settled back to the same old status. The local meets every morning at 10 o'clock and has roll call, and then the members indulge in a free discussion of any old subject that comes to hand.

One of the strikers tried to secure a job with the Cushman Motor people. The chances for employment were good until the applicant admitted that he was a striking leatherworker. Then he got the word, "we don't want you." Bear the fact in mind!

Reports continue to trickle in to the effect that gains are being made in various sections of the country. In some cases not all that was contended for is being secured, but every settlement has brought a gain beneficial to the workers.

## A NEW TRADE JOURNAL.

The "Journal of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employes" appeared in Chicago last month. It contains twenty-four pages and covers, and presents all the craft news of the members of the union of stage employes. Lee M. Hart, general secretary and treasure of the International, is editor.

## ORPHEUM CLOSES.

**Season Ends With Performance Given at End of Present Week.**

With the performance carded for this (Saturday) evening the Orpheum

season closes. It is a pleasure to learn that Manager Billings will remain in charge during the coming season. The season now closing has been successful, and the management has been all the most exacting could desire. Lincoln has seen the best there is in vaudeville, and under the management of a gentleman who has left nothing undone to add to the comfort and entertainment of the Orpheum patrons.

During the closed season the Orpheum will be thoroughly renovated and some handsome improvements made. The season will open at the usual time next fall, and Manager Billings is warranted in the statement that the next season's attractions will be even better than those of the season now closing.

## TAFT BELONGS TO A FAKE LABOR UNION.

Remember how William Howard Taft was made a member of the "Steam Shovelmen's Union in 1908? Remember how proud he said he was to belong to a union of workingmen? And remember how big the g. o. p. press played up the game?

Well, that Canal Zone organization of "Steam Shovelmen" was organized by canal zone officials for political purposes only. It is the only one of its kind in the world. It is not affiliated with the American Federation of Labor. There are no unions in the canal zone save two Federal Labor Unions organized by and affiliated with the American Federation of Labor. Taft's "union affiliation" is a huge political joke. But there is no joke about the packages he has handed to organized labor in the shape of iron-clad injunctions.

## MILWAUKEE'S NEW MAYOR HAS SOME BIG SCHEMES.

Milwaukee's new mayor, a Socialist, has some ideas in regard to municipal government which . . . strike at the root of the American community and which seem entirely practical. One of these is making the public school the social center. He would have the school building become the meeting place of the people in the district where fathers and mothers as well as children could meet with the teachers and all enjoy pleasures of which many are now deprived. He would have motion picture shows, billiard tables, bowling alleys, card rooms, etc. In fact his idea is to make the school house a club house. That idea is fast growing. It has already been adopted in many cities.

## INCREASED COST OF LIVING.

It is shown by the government's figures that bacon has advanced 43.1 per cent; eggs, 4.18 per cent; dry or pickled pork, 1.9 per cent; fresh pork, 30 per cent; flour, 29.3 per cent, and cornmeal, 29.3 per cent. These are the articles selected by the bureau of labor as the staples of a workingman's bill of fare. The increase in the price of beef has been even greater than the figures given here, and other items of diet have increased accordingly.—Philadelphia North American.

# SPECIALS IN THE BARGAIN BASEMENT

**Elite Wool Dusters** are made for all kinds of dusting and with better results than any other make. They are sanitary and can be washed. The handle is flexible, so the flat surface can be used on any part of the wall. Every housekeeper should have one in her home. They come in assorted sizes ranging in price from 69c to **\$1.50**

**Feather Dusters, made of best Turkey Feathers**  
12 inch size at 35c 14 inch size at 49c  
16 inch size at 69c 18 inch size at 75c

**The Hammock Season** is here. We have a complete line of all the newest designs at prices from \$7.50 down to **60c**

**Dinnerware in the Basement.** We have just received a number of new open stock dinner patterns that are beauties. You can buy one piece or a hundred piece dinner set and they can always be matched. They are the Haviland China, Austrian China, English Porcelain and American Porcelain dinner sets with decorated patterns in white and gold and plain white, 100-piece set from \$67.00 down to, per set **\$10.50**

**Step Ladders made of good wood, strong and durable**  
4 foot size at 59c 5 foot size at 75c  
6 foot size at 90c 7 foot size at \$1.05

**Hardwood Hose Reels** One of these reels will add to the life of your hose, each **75c**

**Make your ice cream with a Polar Star Ice Cream Freezer**—You can freeze ice cream in five minutes. Our quart size 69c, two quart size **95c**

**Rubber Garden or Lawn Hose** 3-4 inch size, heavy 5-ply in 25 and 50 foot lengths complete with couplings, fully guaranteed, per foot **.10c**

**As a Man Grows Older.**  
When a man is real young there seems to be so much going on in the world that he regrets the loss of the little time he has to devote to sleep; but in time he learns that sleep is about as interesting as the rest of it, and more satisfactory.—Atchison Globe.

**His Master's Voice.**  
"I will not stand it, Doyle, and I give you to know quite plainly that, if it wasn't for the years and years that you have been in my employ, you'd have gone long ago!"—London Opinion.

**Real "Gold Bug."**  
"The Gold Bug" is the title of one of Edgar Allan Poe's uncanny stories. It is also the name given to a curious little creature lately found in Australia. In one of the Bendigo gold mines, at a depth of 1,200 feet, the miners were surprised to discover a peculiar beetle attached to the quartz rock and boring into it. It was brightly colored and studded with particles of real gold. It has been sent to Melbourne for scientific examination.

**Excuses.**  
If all the inventive genius wasted on excuses were exerted along more practical lines, an extension would have to be built on the patent office.—Atchison (Kan.) Globe.

**Official Rudeness.**  
Mrs. Newly—"I shall never let that operator send another telegram for me. I just gave him a message for my husband, and the first thing the officious thing did was to read it!"—Lippincott's.

**True Hospitality.**  
A woman who possesses a charming temper and cordial manners is sure to be popular. Said a witty Boston woman: "I do like to have people behave as if they were glad to see me, whether they are or not. I think a hostess should speak in a pleased tone, even if she only says, 'My dear Mrs. So-and-So, I am perfectly delighted to see you! Do sit right down on this best pin!'"—Harper's Bazar.

**Origin of Famous Phrase.**  
The phrase, "Put none but Americans on guard to-night," is said to have occurred originally in one of Washington's orders of the day at about the time the battle of Trenton was fought. It was adopted by the Americans or "Know Nothing" party during its political campaign in the early '50s as a watchword, embodying as it did one of the chief principles of the party.

**Faking a Birthday.**  
A neighbor of the Lysander John Appleton family recently gave a birthday party, at which there figured a cake covered with candles. The next week the Appletons celebrated Chauncey's birthday, and the cake was decorated with electric lights. The neighbors say it really wasn't his birthday; that his mother faked up a birthday in order to get ahead of those candles.—Atchison Globe.

**Pat's Preference.**  
Irishman (after waiting at the theater entrance for a long time on a cold night)—Shure it's meself wad sooner walk 50 miles than stand five!—Punch.

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