

## THE RIGHT THING.

### City Authorities Finally Pay Laborers of Metropolitan Co.

The city council has at last taken action concerning the claims of the laborers in the employ of the Metropolitan Construction Co., and has paid the laborers, holding out the money on the company. This is only right and proper, but the shame of it all is that these laborers should have been compelled to wait so long for their wages. Most of these men are in mighty poor shape to have their hard earned wages held back on them for weeks. What the city should have done in the first place is to have paid these men, and then made the recalcitrant Metropolitan Co. come across. A whole lot of suffering has been entailed that could easily have been avoided.

Several firms that supplied the construction company with material objected to these laborers being paid by the city at this time, fearing that their claims for material furnished might be endangered thereby. It might be well for the central body to ascertain the names of such firms and make them known to the wage earners of the city.

## FIREMEN'S BALL.

### Havelock Organization Preparing to Dance the Old Year Out.

The Firemen of Havelock are going to dance the old year out, which means that there is going to be a merry time as the old year dies. Union hall in Havelock will be the scene of the festivities, and there is no better dancing floor in this section of the country. The Firemen are making preparations to excel all their previous efforts in the line of social entertainment, which means that they will set a record. Bruse's orchestra will furnish the music for the occasion.

A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend this New Year's Eve party. Admission 75 cents per couple.

## IS THIS TRUE HERE?

In Australia only men who are given receipts for paying taxes are allowed to vote on public improvements. It is an actual fact, however, that the public owns and operates more kinds of property there than here. The fact is that the big tax dodgers of Oregon (they always call themselves taxpayers) manage to secure for their side many votes of men owning no real estate by threats of stopping the operations of industries if taxes for public needs are voted.—Portland Labor Press.

## WHAT THEY LEARNED.

German union men investigating conditions in this country point out that while paid a little more the workingman of this country in the long run gets less than in the old country because the American workman is over driven and also mercilessly killed off by inhuman disregard of safety devices.

## CIVIC FEDERATION.

### A State Branch Will be Organized and Delegates Appointed.

Governor Shallenberger has appointed a number of delegates to attend a meeting for the purpose of organizing a state civic federation. The conven-

tion will be called by Victor Rosewater, editor of the Omaha Bee, who has been appointed chairman of the committee. Following are the delegates appointed:

Victor Rosewater, Ralph W. Breckenridge, Gould Dietz, A. J. Donahue, Omaha; Will Maupin, Lincoln; M. C. Peters, Emil Brandeis, Joseph Hayden, John Latenser, Omaha; Joseph H. Miles, Falls City; A. L. Sutton, Omaha; Rev. John Williams, Omaha; E. M. Marvin, Beatrice; John E. Miller, Lincoln; J. C. Harpham, John B. Wright, Samuel Avery, Lincoln; Geo. Coupland, Elgin; Lucile Eaves, Lincoln; Mrs. Draper Smith, Omaha; C. W. Bryan, Prof. George E. Howard, O. M. Rudy, Lincoln; S. A. D. Smith, Havelock; James Kotera, South Omaha; Julius Theile, Omaha; S. M. Wolback, Grand Island; John Pickens, Hastings; George Brophy, Omaha; Dan Cook, Beatrice; W. H. Kilpatrick, Beatrice; C. E. Adams, Superior; John

L. Webster, C. J. Smyth, T. J. Mahoney, Dean George A. Beecher, Rev. E. A. Mageveny, Omaha; Rev. Joseph Reusing, West Point; Rev. F. M. Sisson, Nebraska City; Father McDonald, Hastings; Gilbert M. Hitchcock, Omaha; Norris Brown, Kearney; E. J. Burkett, Lincoln; A. C. Smith, A. L. Moller, T. C. Byrne, George W. Holdrege, C. F. Manderson, Omaha; W. E. Thompson, Grand Island; W. V. Allen, Madison; Carl C. Wright, Omaha; A. J. Sawyer, Lincoln; Rev. A. L. Weatherly, W. H. Ferguson, S. H. Burnham, Dr. P. L. Hall, Lincoln; F. A. Watkins, Hastings; W. D. Oldham, Kearney; Gus Swanson, Prof. M. M. Fogg, Nellie M. Richardson, Lincoln.

It would be difficult to select an equal number of delegates for this purpose and equal the ones that Governor Shallenberger has selected. The Omaha Western Laborer says, and we quote its comments with approval:

"There is the makings of a Civic

federation in the above list that can do a whole lot of good things for Omaha. South Omaha, Lincoln, Havelock, Grand Island, North Platte and Plattsmouth. We congratulate the governor on his good judgment in selecting so good a list of men on the committee, and we hope that out of it will come an organization made up of men big enough and broad enough to dig into any threatened labor trouble and stop it before it gets beyond the danger point. Heretofore, everybody deplored a threatened strike, but nobody did anything to prevent it. If the Civic federation is so organized that it will command the confidence of the public half the battle will be won. We have confidence in the judgment of Victor Rosewater, chairman of the committee, and if the organization is completed and officered by any or all of the list of the committee, save one, we would not hesitate to take a chance on it giving labor a square deal."

# Dressing up for Christmas

Of course you want to be all dressed up when Santa Claus comes. Sure there's a Santa Claus! You want to dress in keeping with the Christmas spirit, and we are prepared to help you achieve that result with profit to yourself and, of course, to us. Now

## A Handsome Overcoat Priced \$10 to \$30

would add much to your comfort as well as to your sense of satisfaction in being dressed in keeping with the yuletide season, or

## A Handsome Suit Priced \$10 to \$30

with all the pleasing attributes of style, fit, color, fabric and make that we offer in these garments—there's the Christmas satisfaction for you. And added to all this is your knowledge that you are getting the real bargain price right now—not away along late in the winter.

## Union Made Clothing

Our best lines include the union made garments and we are proud to push them because they have all the quality demanded.

## Our line of Underwear

We'll not dwell on that at length now. But we have an unusually large stock and at prices that will appeal to you. We want to see you between now and Christmas so we can show our bargains.

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CORNER

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10th & O Streets

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THE  
SQUARE