

DEDICATION OF FRONTENAC'S LABOR HALL

A Grand Holiday Marks the
Public Installation of the
Miners' New Building

Saturday, December 23, 1905, was a memorable day, a never-to-be-forgotten day in the history of Frontenac, the second largest city in the county and the greatest coal producer in the state of Kansas, by the dedication of the new Mine Workers hall, the largest, the handsomest and the best equipped labor hall west of the Mississippi.

Saturday was an ideal day, radiant with a glorious sunshine, and the air, calm, balmy, invigorating, as if to lend inspiration to the glad occasion.

The whole population was out in holiday dress, the buildings were decorated with bunting, and everything showed that Frontenac was having a grand festival day.

The new hall, a handsome brick structure, finely equipped with all modern conveniences, large, handsome, substantial, a veritable temple was to be dedicated to labor, making this the most important event in the history of the young city.

Frontenac's famous Big Green Band headed a great procession in the forenoon in which the miners locals and other civic societies participated, making an imposing display.

In the afternoon music, songs, oratory, in the evening a grand supper and ball wound up the exercises of a bountiful day.

The Big Green Band opened the

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dedicatory exercises with a well rendered overture.

Mayor John Beltzinger made the opening address, which though brief, was marked with good sense and homely wisdom that mark all his public talks.

Mr. Beltzinger has been connected in one capacity or another with the city government since its organization, and is thoroughly identified with the growth of the town.

He pointed to the early struggles of the city and of the U. M. W. of A. in the district and city and congratulated the miners at large, but especially local union 444 for the splendid home for organized labor they were now dedicating.

The other speakers included Geo. Richardson, president of district 14, president-elect Howatt, Secretary-Treasurer Gilmour, and State Labor Commissioner W. L. A. Johnson.

The building cost \$12,000 and is equipped throughout with electric lights.

The ground floor is arranged for public meetings, theatrical entertainments, dances and general public use.

In the upper story is the assembly room of the local, with appropriate rooms and conveniences.

Everything is arranged with a view to utility and comfort, and it can be said that in Frontenac organized labor has a home and a temple unsurpassed by any other in the state, or indeed in the west.

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United Mine Workers of

For president, Alex.

For national board majority.

For secretary-treasurer

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For vice-president, Wans of Stone City.

For district board members of Frontenac and George

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On the first election elected.

