

Daily Eagle

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LABOR UNIONS AND SOCIALISM

The Eagle was criticised lately somewhat for asserting that there is an element in the labor union organizations of the country which

endeavoring to have said organizations identified as socialistic. As proof of the correctness of such conclusion the proceedings of the American Federation of Labor, now the proceedings of the American Federation of Labor, now cited Press report says that the convention was squarely confronted with a proposition to commit labor union members to socialism at its Tuesday's session. It would seem that the delegates do not take kindly to the proposal from the fact that the committee on resolutions reported adversely to no less than nine resolutions introduced by the socialistic element, some of which called for public municipal ownership and for collective ownership of farm and other lands and for federated or collective control of capital. If at this writing the question has not come up again in the Boston convention, it will undoubtedly come up today or tomorrow. Before adjournment Tuesday night a number of speeches favoring degrees of socialistic doctrines were made. A substitute resolution offered by Delegate Max Hayes of Cleveland, Ohio, for the municipal and collective ownership resolutions was pretty generally supported, but no vote was reached. Hayes' substitute is as follows: "Since wages can never be regarded as the full equivalent for labor's toil, this convention recommends that the workers use their political and economical power along the lines of their class interests to secure for labor the full product of its toil," which aside from party politics seems unobjectionable.

CARRIE NATION AS AN ACTRESS.

Mrs. Nation has at last landed on the stage. Having smashed saloons all the way from Medicine Lodge to New York, snatched cigars from the lips of innumerable men, making the grand stand play of a lunny old woman generally for what notoriety and possible money there might be in it, finally finding that she was falling as a sensation, proclaimed that she had a "divine revelation directing her to go on the stage," which would afford her the opportunity of meeting the wicked and degenerate, or as she puts it, "the devil's very own." David, her husband, having secured a divorce and also shuffled off his mortal coil, left his aspiring adorable free to turn herself loose on the plate glass fronts and to range the country at will. She made her first appearance in Troy, New York, the last part of last week, which two "lasts" do not necessarily constitute her a back number. Ten Nights in a Bar Room has been revamped, making it one night in a joint, or the like, in which is a saloon scene with Carrie armed with a hatchet on deck in a heroic pose. She makes her first appearance, according to the Troy papers, with the sweep of a cyclone, first demolishing a crude picture of a nude woman and then going for a looking glass and some bottles filled with mock whisky. In the mean time "Mr. Set-em-up" disappears beneath the bar, but not before she has given him a vicious bat on the head and another on his disappearing rear. At this point the papers say the hoodlums in the galleries go wild. The original scene of the nude woman episode occurred in Wichita, as will be remembered. Having smashed the bar fixtures and got the bar tender on the run, the star and heroine turns her attention to a slot machine which she demolishes in less time than it takes to tell it, and "Simon Slade's saloon is a wreck. In the last act the owner of the saloon gives up the ghost, a policeman "runs in," the bar tender with Carrie sitting in the front of the patrol wagon, "Willie Hammond," the victim of the saloon, reforms and goes thirsty the balance of his days and the town of "Cedarvale" is redeemed. The Troy papers say that Mrs. Nation when she gets well up in her role is going to appear on the stage of a New York theater, and further that she is going to turn her salary over to a society for the founding of a home for the wives of drunkards.

A CANUCK'S ESTIMATE OF THE EAGLE.

The Montreal Commercial Gazette, run by a Johnny Bull, who parts his name in the middle, seems to have run up against a stray Eagle containing some editorial observations touching the wisdom of annexing the land of the Canuck. The Gazette, in an editorial headed "A Goose Feeding as an Eagle," goes on to remark and quote as follows:

"A copy of the 'Wichita Daily Eagle' has been brought to our notice containing a splendid sample of the dense ignorance that prevails so largely among our neighbors in the states as to matters outside their own limits; an ignorance that is bred and fostered by the narrowness of the ordinary school education.

"In an article 'Why Not Now on Canada,' the Eagle (the Goose would be a more appropriate name) the editor commences:

"Johnny Bull is a good deal of a bully himself but his provincial protegee upon British North America boasts more than his share of cheek and gall."

After some personalities, which exhibit plainly the low taste of the writer and are a disgrace to journalism, the 'Eagle' goes on to say:

"As the Eagle has maintained for years, the plain duty and unquestioned advantage is for the United States to demand of Great Britain a relinquishment of such sovereignty as she may claim over Canada and then formally annex all the country lying between the lakes and the north pole from ocean to ocean. If we have to whip the Canuck into submission all the better."

"For pure childish rot, Mr. Murdoch, editor of 'Wichita Eagle,' ought to get the leather medal as a booby prize. What a pity that the advice of such an eminent statesman as he appears to be should pass unheeded for years, as he has so sorrowfully admit. How is it that this progressive and acquisitive people have not seen the force of the 'Wichita Eagle's' yearly screams? Surely it is a reflection that the great American nation has not followed Mr. Murdoch's wise suggestion, for, of course, if the government at Washington—backed by Mr. Murdoch, of the 'Wichita Eagle'—were simply to ask or rather demand, that Great Britain would kindly hand over Canada to the states, it would be done at once—in fact, Westminster would at once reply 'She is yours'."

Of course, with that wonderful foresight which distinguishes the Eagle, Mr. Murdoch sees that the Canucks might possibly object; but then that would only give the desired opportunity for beating them. In fact, for treating the Canucks as the United States have treated the Indians and the Islanders and the Philippines. Probably Mr. Murdoch would approve of the water cure that the civilized American army used so successfully. Of course,

he would not be in the fight himself—the blusterer generally stays at home.

"Seriously, is it not pitiful that people in the United States should have such utter trash offered them in newspapers? For unfortunately there are some readers of the 'Eagle' who are so ignorant as to accept Mr. Murdoch's ravings. But how can a nation have any chance of becoming great and noble when such ridiculous nonsense is offered by men who pose as journalists?"

A PEOPLE WHO HATE AND FIGHT.

Dr. R. A. Mussallem, a native of Syria, who is now in this country, and who has had a good opportunity to get his information at first hand, tells some interesting things about the Kurds, the fierce tribesmen of Asiatic Turkey, whose name is a terror to the Christians of that land. Incidentally his statements help to explain why peace can never be wholly restored there.

"A child of Nemesis," is the term applied to the Kurd by Dr. Mussallem, and it seems fit. Like all Moslems he is an absolute fatalist and to die fighting against the "In-Bedel" is his highest aim, for in this way only can he be sure of Paradise. Hatred of Christians is his unswerving creed, and in his treatment of his foe he is merciless—kill him or be killed by him.

This is the sort of soldier that will fly to the defense of the Sick Man when the powers make war on him—if they ever do. The Kurd is primitive in his ways of life, for his home is a tent, but in his firearms he is up to date as the German or American soldier. The latest improvements in rapid-fire guns and revolvers are his and he knows how to use them. As Dr. Mussallem expresses it, "A Kurd has been known to swap his wife for a Winchester rifle when he was hard up. He knew he could get another wife at his leisure, but he needed the Winchester right off."

If the powers ever go to war with Turkey some bloody pages of history will be made by the Kurds.

A WELL KNOWN KANSAS FARMER DEAD.

Colonel A. L. Forsha of Hutchinson, Kansas, died at Excelsior Springs on Tuesday, where he was taken a week ago suffering with heart trouble. His sons, Samuel W. Forsha of Hutchinson and Fred A. Forsha, the cattle commission man of Kansas City, and Mrs. Fred Forsha were with him at the time of his death. Arrangements were made to take the body to Hutchinson.

Colonel Forsha's ranch in Reno county, Kansas, consists of 4,320 acres. Colonel Forsha was one of the best known scientific farmers and ranchers in Kansas. He came to Kansas in the '70s and bought land which later became very valuable. On his ranch is a complete flour mill in which many of the grain products of the ranch are ground. Colonel Forsha also had a laboratory built to study the soil and the best methods of using it. The Forsha ranch was one of the best equipped in the west.

SOME GOOD IN VOLTAIRE.

In a new Life of Voltaire, by G. S. Tallentyre, the author says of the great infidel and satirist who helped rid Europe of horrid tortures: "He found the good land covered with abuses in church and state and every social order; abuses political, personal; of the rights of the living, and the decent respect owed to the dead—and he uprooted them. With a laugh and blasphemy on his lips, but with eyes and soul afire, and the nervous, tireless hands trembling with eagerness, the most dauntless, passionate, dogged, little worker in all human history heaved and hacked at the monstrous tyrannies of centuries and flung them dead from the fair and beautiful soil they usurped. At last, after sixty years of superhuman effort he had cleared the place and made it ready for the planting of the tree of liberty."

HARD TO DEFINE MONOPOLY.

The recent decision of the United States circuit court at St. Paul will be discouraging to those who are looking for a more stringent regulation of the trusts.

The decision was rendered in a case brought against the Continental Tobacco Company by a dealer who sued to recover damages because of the refusal of the company to sell him its products at a price which would permit him to sell them at a profit, the refusal being based upon his failure to buy exclusively from that company.

Both the district and circuit courts held that the action of the company amounted to no more than an exercise of its lawful rights, "which are indispensable to the existence of competition or the conduct of trade."

BY MY BOYHOOD NAME.

I dream of home that is no more,
The porch, familiar, spreads,
The window glints, wide swings the door,
And roses nod their heads.
I see my father's sturdy frame,
My mother's whitening tresses;
He calls me by my boyhood name,
My brow she still caresses.
Then tell not me their hands are
Beneath your mound of heather,
The hands that, joined for good or ill
Clung yet in death together,
And tell not me the old house lies
A wreck, to rise no more;
Above it still the swallow flies,
The rose still guards the door.

A dozen representative southern papers are tickled to death over the fact that a Republican administration in recognizing the independence of Panama has recognized its right of secession. There is a difference between rebellion and revolution. Panama's secession proved a revolution. The rebellion of the southern states did not prove to be a revolution.

Grover Cleveland is off for a two weeks duck hunt and the Democratic party fear that some fatal accident might happen him which would leave it to choose between Hearst and Gorman. The old party does seem to have more than its share of discouragements. But then Grover will turn up all right in all good time.

Carrie Nation, who declares she had a divine revelation directing her to become an actress, made her debut on the stage at Troy, New York. A hatchet part has been written into "Ten Nights in a Bar Room" which part she plays naturally and with great aplomb. Her claim to divine revelation is bogus.

The Lawrence Gazette accuses the Eagle of supporting a man for the federal judgeship against whom charges have been filed. The esteemed is informed that the Eagle has never named its editor's preference for that place, much less advocated the appointment of either of the present candidates.

Henry Clegg, the expert financier, declares that he doesn't know the true cause of the late decline in steel trust stocks. Henry might study the result of sticking a knife into an inflated bladder with profit.

Jim Troutman charges that Pollock has been known to play a game of poker. When it comes to a nickel-ante game the innocent ones in that judgeship scramble are few in number.

Judge John Martin of Topeka, once a Pop interim for two years in the United States senate, has come out for Grover Cleveland and still the world goes round.

Willis Glead of Topeka, the head promoter and president of the State Temperance Union, has broken into the judgeship race. Topeka has now three candidates.

KANSAS HISTORY REVEALS THAT

IN 1827, FORTY-SIX YEARS AGO TODAY:—The Shawnee Indian lands were thrown open for purchase and pre-emption.

IN 1868, THIRTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TODAY:—Lincoln College, Topeka, took the name of Washburn, from its benefactor, Hon. Ichabod Washburn, of Worcester, Mass.

IN 1831, THIRTY YEARS AGO TODAY:—In a lecture delivered in Washington, Frederick Douglass said that John Brown's constitution for the government of the proposed insurrectionary republic was written in his house, in Rochester, New York, and that he possessed the original draft. On this date, also, the death of the Kansas Magazine was announced.

IN 1882, TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY:—The systematic movement by the G. A. R. to get a law through congress pensioning every man who served in the Union army during the late war, received attention in Kansas.

IN 1885, TEN YEARS AGO TODAY:—The announcement of the appointment of Morris Clegg, of Pittsburg, to be assistant United States attorney for Kansas, was made.

IN 1888, FIVE YEARS AGO TODAY:—J. Jack Love, chairman of the Democratic central committee, was quoted as saying that there would be no more fusion; that the Pope would have to come to the Democrats.

THE PIKERS' LAMENT

"Desire not thou too greatly, for, like fire destroying what it unfolds, so is desire."—R. W. Wilson.

After the United States absorbs Canada, it will be in order to annex the British Isles to our bunch of islands.

We have a great deal easier now. A scientific man has declared that the earth will exist for 100 million years yet.

There came near being a fight on West Douglas avenue last night. It is said the trouble started from the man operating the steam roller insisting that his collaborators call him a chauffeur.

Pulitzer, before he starts that school of journalism, wants to get some printers on the World, the paper we suppose he will use as a model in his school. The third column of the editorial page looks like Tammany might have butted into it.

"Danny" McKeever, a page on the Democratic side of the House, has invented a new bit of slang. Instead of saying a man "rubbered," young McKeever says the man "peninsulated."

Definition: A neck of land jutting out to sea.

The chamber of commerce, in New York, at its banquet Tuesday night, adopted Edward VII as one of its toasts.

We visited Harry Woods, editor of the Wellington News, not long ago.

"How, Harry," we asked, "do you manage to keep your office clear of visitors?"

"I read my stuff to 'em," was his righteous confession.

To think that Panama beats Oklahoma to it.

Six Butte miners will dine with the president. This is a mere social debt. Butted the executive and he cancels the obligation at the ratio of six to one.

Turkeys fit to roost, roost high, and chickens imitate 'em.

Forth goes the wife some birds to buy. Whose owners do not date 'em.

Wichita has a young woman who changes sweethearts every two weeks in order to hear new jokes. She tells this one: "Do you want Memmen's?" asked the lady clerk of the man who was stopping for his wife, and had asked for some face powder. "No," answered he "I want women's." "Maybe you can see this one," said she. "If 'Nearer, My God, to Thee,' is the national hymn, and 'The Star-Spangled Banner' is the national anthem, what is 'Bred in Old Kentucky'?" "Why, five cents a loaf."

OKLAHOMA OUTLINES

Ponca City has an election December 1, and on every hand is heard "register!"

Shawnee's commercial club has had to seek new quarters because of its increased membership. Apartments in a building not yet completed have been leased.

The Wichita mountain fellows cite the Cripple Creek case when some one ridicules the idea of gold in the Wichita mountains.

The Prisco railroad has appointed a special police officer at Blackwell. Coal stealing has become epidemic with one class.

The United Brethren church of Shawnee is preparing to build a meeting place of its own. The necessary funds are at hand.

Crude oil is becoming popular at Grand as fuel. Wood has gotten so high that tooth-picks are considered a luxury.

Alva's freight business for the last year on the Santa Fe road shows an increase of \$60,000 over the previous year. Alva ranked eighth then.

The prospect hole at Jet is now down 300 feet. The Saline Oil and Mining company is behind the drill.

The school land leases of Woods county have been called to meet at Alva Monday. The object is to form plans to reduce the rent on school lands.

A quarter section of deeded land near Grand sold last week for \$2,500. The Progress declares that this same land could have been bought a year ago for \$800.

End is after that convention which Ed Reno is working up for the purpose of sending a non-partisan immediate statehood lobby to Washington. Would Ed harbor one of these "non-partisan" things?

O. H. Richards was elected president of the Day County Farmers' Institute last week. This is one of the many institutions that Secretary Thorburn is assisting in organizing.

Isenberg, of Enid, is envious of Hobart Lee. He says: "Hobart is the only town in Oklahoma with enough sporting blood to pull off a prize-fight with regularity, and has one about every two weeks."

The Guthrie Leader's stand for Cleveland has fired the Enid Wave and the latter "poster" Grover with a half-column editorial.

Delegate McGuire can now "make good" with a great many of his constituents if he will send an Oklahoma's share of that 2,000,000 worth of seed.

The proposition of stocking the country with Mongolian pheasants is being talked of at Shawnee. Wichita sportsmen found the plan worked successfully and will order more birds.

The Shawnee Democrat describes a "knocker" in a half column in a very clever way. But it is feared the "knock" is so long that no one will try it on.

The Oklahoman declares that "if Bird McGuire wants a lobby which will even create so much as an impression upon congress at the coming regular term, he might as well send passes to us all."

Oklahoma reluctantly throws away her straw hat.

KANSAS CURRENTS

What an opportunity for the woman with the scalatin.

Oxford is in need of a Dowle. The people are anxious to make a test of raising sugar beets there.

The Mackville Argus excuses its tardiness by explaining that there was a strike. We understand the strike was at the paper mills.

A Barber county man went to Kansas City to buy some sheep and was floored. It is mighty dangerous business; this picking parasites on the banks of Hell.

Winfield and Arkansas City's Middlesex clubs are getting in some good preparatory work before Christmas, judging from the papers.

That delegation made a home run for Pollock when it passed those resolutions.

Wash Shan Gab, chief of the Kaw Indians, was at Arkansas City Tuesday. The traveler put a big head on the item; Wash was sober.

Was there more hoodlum in Kansas during the late legislature than herebefore, or is all this talk just the result of the biennial election law?

A New York paper says that as Senator Burton doesn't give his ass to the senatorial autolitegraph, in the paper the papers got even with him by putting him down at 50. Evidently the papers don't know that senators have agreed that man reaches his highest mental development at this age.

If there is any other fault to be found with the late legislature it should be brought to light quick now, so that all may be ready for the barbecue of the thirty-first.

Salina is flourishing on a weather bureau. River stations are to be established along the Wash, Republic, Big Blue, Smoky Hill and Saline rivers, according to the government's present plans.

It is about time for some editor to discover the Bender family.

Salina plumbers have become so Corporationized that they pay ten cents a line to get a "reader" in the paper to inform the common folks of that town how they may keep their pipes from freezing and thus save a plumber's bill.

The Salina Journal complains that youth doesn't respect old age. How about its respect for that of Ann?

If anyone has seen Grant Gillette, returned in "Make good," we haven't seen the announcement in the local column of his home paper.

Arkansas City is not a safe place to play poker other than for tooth-picks. The other night three players jumped onto a fourth, the winner, and almost killed him.

Wellington defeated Winfield by a score of 12 to 6, Monday, on the gridiron. It was a little blood for snuff was lacking.

Taxes have not been coming in right at Medicine Lodge and the officials have just found out the reason. On one side of the court house, where the jail is located, there hangs a sign that reads thus: "Keep Away; No Talking."

Coal in Medicine Lodge is \$4 a ton, according to the index. It is supposed, that miners jump onto the coal trust with all-four.

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