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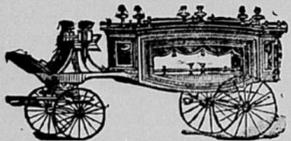
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THE EDITORIAL COLUMN.

AMERICAN LABOR ON CANAL

The steam shovel workers on the Panama canal whose recent application for increased wage was refused, have shown the courage of their convictions by quitting work. It is perhaps incorrect to allude to the development as a strike, for apparently the men are not expecting to return to work, but are preparing to come back to this country.

The dissatisfaction of the steam shovel men, who were all skilled workers from the United States, was expressed to Secretary Taft during his recent visit to the isthmus. The secretary of war investigated the situation and announced his decision after returning to this country. In regard to some complaints of proposed restriction of leave of absence the secretary decided in favor of the men, holding that conditions should continue about as they were when the men contracted to work on the isthmus.

The decision of the shovel men to quit work shows, of course, that the dissatisfaction was real and that the appeal for higher wages was not made merely in the hope of getting some easy money. If the men were satisfied with wages and conditions generally they would hold on to their jobs. Probably the truth is that nostalgia rather than working conditions or wages was at the bottom of the trouble.

Probably there will be little difficulty in getting new skilled labor to fill the places of the dissatisfied shovel workers. How long the new employees will resist the same influences which affected their predecessors will remain to be seen.

IT IS A BLUFF

The interests which are hostile to the anti-trust bill passed by the late General Assembly, are now attempting to make it appear that the new law will compel the Farmers' Elevator Companies to eliminate from their by-laws the provision erroneously called the "penalty clause" but which is really the "support clause."

The members of the co-operative elevator companies usually contract to deliver their own grain to their own companies at the market price. Their company then turns around and agrees to release them from this

contract on the payment of a cent a bushel for such amount of grain as they care to sell to some other party. So high authority as Commissioner Lane, of the Inter State Commission, passed specifically on this point, characterizing it as a fair and legitimate business transaction and one which tends to promote rather than to stifle competition.

The purpose of the present agitation, which originated at Spencer, is to scare the so-called penalty or assessment clause out of the by-laws of the co-operative companies who have no occasion to feel alarm or to change their by-laws.

EX-SENATOR MCLAURIN ON ROOSEVELT

"The great issues in this country don't lie between the platforms of the two great political parties, the real divisions are the relations of labor and capital and the monopoly of public franchises for private gain."

"On one side stand the trusts, huge, grim and unrelenting in their greed; on the other side stands organized labor, fierce, determined and socialistic. Theodore Roosevelt with his 'big stick' is doing this country a service not second to any president who has ever occupied the White house, connecting on one side the greed of capital and labor and other brutal violence of organized labor.

"Republican institutions cannot live with a plutocracy on one side and a socialism on the other and it will take at least four more years with a 'big stick' to restore the equilibrium."

After all there is nothing like base ball to remind one that spring has come.

The Christian Endeavor society out west has decided to draw the color line. That is more than Christ ever did.

More than a score of new names added to the Review list this week. Surely the people know a good thing when they see it.

Is it to be Taft? He would make a good man and it the Teddy brand is "blown in" all right, we could support him heartily.

A new submarine boat is christened the Octopus. Probably for the reason that it bobs up serenely no matter how often you down it.

Abraham Reuf, the Frisco boodler has pleaded guilty. The circumstancas are said to have been dramatic but we hope nevertheless that he will get the sentence that he deserves.

The farmers of Iowa need not lose courage. The corn crop, the great staple on which Iowa depends has not been particularly endangered by the late spring. We believe there will be plenty of knee-high corn in Crawford by the fourth of July and if th s is the case there will be a good crop.

Now that Ricketts has burned down there is a chance for it to become one of the best towns in the county. Such fires are mighty hard on individuals but they usually result in great permanent benefit to the town. It was pleasing to note that before the ashes were cold the leading business men of Ricketts had declared their intention of rebuilding and doing it in better shape than ever.

"Nat" Hubbard seems to have gone wrong. It is a pity. We remember him as one of the most charming and most witty men we have ever met. He was always sarcastic and cynical but his cleverness could not be denied. How he could have left all the responsibilities of life is incomprehensible. But has he left them? Will not they follow him and haunt him to the grave? Yes, and beyond? A bad conscience is a grim companion.

We hope that the shelving of the opera house proposition, if that is decided to be the best course, will not induce the building board to undue procrastination. The plans should be drawn and all the contracts let by Jan. 1st. This will give the contractor time to have his material on the ground so that the opera house can be fully completed by fall for the opening of the theatrical season. The building could not be erected now in time for next fall, so in reality very little time will be lost if the building committee will perfect all its plans and let the contracts this summer.

AN INFANT EDITORIAL

One thing at a time. And that done well. Is a very good rule As many can tell

The "Family Almanac" needs no excuse for publishing the first direct contribution from our seven year old. When he came to us and said "Papa, here is an editorial," we knew we should print it. That it was unblushingly stolen from a most delectable copy book does not detract. The sentiment is good. To revert to olden times, we remember that the youngster's grandfather used to say, that "the man who could do any one thing, no matter how small, just a little better than any body else, was sure of a splendid living". Stevenson says, "I have known happiness, for I have done good work. The Texas philosopher expressed the same idea when he placed on the tomb of his friend the expressive words, "He done his damndest."

There is not only present reward, but immense satisfaction, in doing your best. No matter what it is, whether it is shoeing a horse, or painting a house or a landscape, trying a law-suit, or writing an editorial, there is the pride that comes, the honest pride, that you have done your best.

When a man gives up trying to do his best, he is all in. He has already gone down to the lower depths of mediocrity from which there is seldom a recovery.

We are proud of the little fellow's editorial effort,

because he did his best to help Papa. We hope however, that this does not mark the first step downward to an editorial career. One time we heard a man say that he did not see how any man could live in Council Bluffs if he could live in Omaha, and that he did not see how any man could live in Omaha if there was any other place on earth. It is the same way with this editorial business; we do not see how any man could be an editor if he could be a coal heaver, and we do not see how he could be a coal heaver if he could get any other job.

If there ever was a public hitching post for the use of man and horse and the abuse of dogs, it is the average country editor. He gives more for the money than any other man in the community. He can say nice things about people for a quarter of a century and then if he disagrees with them once or dares to poke gentle fun at anything with which they may deem themselves even remotely connected, all the good is forgotten in-stantly and offended pride sticks its nose in the air disdaining a glance at the man who has dished up taffy to them year after year. No sir; we would rather that our boy should enter any trade than be an editor.

CONSOLIDATED RAILROAD TIME TABLE

Giving Time of Arrival of all Passenger Trains Stopping at all Stations in Crawford County.

Table with columns for Going East and Going West, listing stations like Denison, Wall Lake, and Herring with arrival and departure times.

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Table with columns for Going East, Going West, Going North, and Going South, listing stations like Denison, Wall Lake, and Herring.

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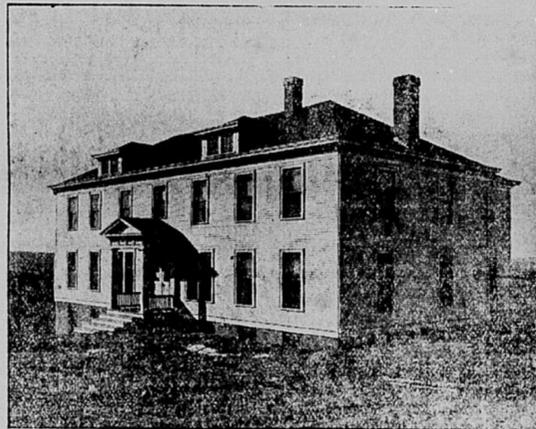
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