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OFFICIAL PAPER OF THE CITY OF ALMA, MICHIGAN

A DESTROYER OF SOCIETY

The Government is an organization for the protection of society and the maintenance of equal rights among the governed. We are all a part of the Government, and consequently have equal responsibility and cannot do injury to each other, or work injustice one class upon another without injury directly to the government and indirectly to each other.

A study of the character of William Z. Foster, the man picked by Mr. Gompers to organize the steel workers and lead their strike, gives an accurate conception of the forces that are behind the movement and the principles which impel them.

The political state as at present constituted must be blown up, wrecked and cast aside. The way to accomplish this is by direct action—the general strike.

Labor must not stop to choose its weapons in its struggle against the great industrial organization of today and the state as a whole. All considerations of ethics and morality must be discarded as so much dead wood, as so many fetters blocking labor's liberty of action.

The man who wrote those inflammatory sentiments formerly belonged to the Industrial Workers of the World, which was aligned against the Federation of Labor because of the conservative methods which the latter organization employed.

The destruction of society is Foster's avowed aim. To him morality is "dead wood," to be discarded when it stands in the way of attaining the ends of the strike.

The workers in each industry shall manage the affairs of their industry," reads his book. "The miners shall manage the mines; the railroaders manage the railroads, and so on through all the lines of human activity.

It is perfectly plain from the quotations from Mr. Foster's book that he is an enemy of organized government and therefore not a safe advisor or leader.

A POLICE WOMAN

Alma is to have a police woman. The city commission has appointed Miss Daisy MacLeane to that position.

The appointment of such an officer is in strict keeping with progressive cities and shows that the commission is alive to the city's needs, and is keeping abreast of the times.

The parents of Alma need an awakening to conditions which are a menace to the community in regard to associations of young girls. Records and confessions on file in the prosecutor's office and with the chief of police show a moral condition which should make citizens sit up straight, take notice and unite in an effort to support the police department and all other agencies which stand for cleanliness and wholesome living.

No family, community, city, state or nation is better than the average of the people who compose it. The boys and girls of today are to be the men and women of the next generation and carry on all the activities of America, hence it is very essential that they should come to manhood and womanhood with high ideals and right moral standards.

Records show a very marked increase in the social evils and social diseases and that fact should be a source of genuine concern, because it spells the downfall of any community or nation today just as surely as it did in the case of all nations which have gone into oblivion on account of moral conditions which took from the people their ideals and gave nothing in return.

Each community has its own problems and must do its own house cleaning. If the people of Alma expect a clean wholesome city free from blight and disease and a credit to the people who live in it and to the best of American ideals, they must unite in support of those agencies which stand for cleanliness and co-operate with those whose duty it is to enforce the laws and protect the public interests.

If it becomes necessary to turn the light into the dark places and use the pruning knife for the public good it should be done by a united effort without any hesitation because it is an inescapable law of nature that a few rotten apples will spoil the whole barrel if left in it.

The best cure for tuberculosis is plenty of fresh air and sunlight and the same holds true of some other things that need curing.

It is not at all surprising that the Granges of the Northwest are refusing to form an alliance with the union labor organizations and the railroad brotherhoods. The farmers have suffered enough at the hands of labor unions.

If you are drifting around with no particular thing to do and no particular ambition, you better get a chart and hire some good pilot to lay out a course for you or your ship will be on the rocks.

What Jones, Smith or Brown does in the community is largely their affair, but what you do is your job and will give you plenty to do if you attend to it and make a success of your life.

The man who wastes his time is a robber of himself and the community in which he lives. Every time opportunity knocks at his door he will be asleep or out.

Learning to really work is one of the first steps toward success. Nothing worth while is ever accomplished without honest labor of some kind.

WHY SOCKS HAVE "CLOCKS"

They Were Originally Made, It is Asserted, to Hold the Seams in Holedry.

It is surprising how much of the past still remains, more especially in regard to the clothes we wear.

On the backs of most gloves there are found three thin strips. These marks correspond to the fourchette pieces between the fingers. In earlier times gloves were not made so neatly as they are today, and the stitching of the fingers was carried down part of the way on to the back of the glove, braid being used to conceal the seams.

To a practically similar reason does the clock on a sock owe its origin, says London Answers. In the days when stockings were made of cloth the seams occurred where the clocks are now displayed, the decoration being utilized to hide the seams.

The little bow which will invariably be found in the leather band inside a man's hat is a survival of the time when a hat was made by taking a piece of leather, boring two holes through it and drawing it together with a piece of string.

Handkerchiefs were not always square. At one time they were shaped to the user's fancy. It chanced that this irregularity displeased Queen Marie Antoinette, who suggested one winter evening at Versailles that a uniform shape would be an indication of good taste. The result was a decree by Louis XVI, issued in the early days of 1785, enacting that all pocket handkerchiefs should have right-angled edges henceforward.

IN HEART OF MOORISH CITIES

Houses to Which Few Visitors Penetrate Are Frequently Luxurious in Their Appointments.

Through the narrow lanes of Moorish cities the water carrier, who has filled his goat-skins at the nearest fountain, piles his trade from house to house. The town of Morocco does not extend open, smiling arms to the stranger. The houses present cold, forbidding fronts. The winding, irregular streets twist and turn in a bewildering fashion, and the low arches, often linking house with house, convert the streets into a series of high-walled, semiopen courtyards, still more confusing to the uninitiated.

Sport in Haiti.

"Roosters that crow night and day and have no sense of proportion at all," is the way William Almon Wolff describes Haiti's only fowl of any importance, in an article in Colliers. In addition he accuses them of not being educated, "like the mass of the population," and of being ignorant of the fact "that a cock's business is to let an unobtrusive world which wouldn't notice the phenomenon itself, know that the sun has risen."

Human Frailties.

Our structure, both external and internal, is full of imperfection; yet there is nothing in nature but what is of use, not even inutility itself. There is nothing in this universe which has not some proper place it. Our being is cemented with certain mean qualities; ambition, jealousy, envy, revenge, superstition, despair have so natural a lodgment in us that the image of them is discerned in the brute beasts; nay cruelty itself, a vice so much out of nature; for even in the midst of compassion we feel within us an unaccountable bitter-sweet titillation of ill-natured pleasure in seeing another suffer; and even children are sensible of it.—Montaigne.

Did More Than Come Back.

Jane's mamma left Jane home alone for a few moments while she ran around to the store. Before going she told Jane that she positively must not let the cat in before she returned. Jane assured her mother that she would do as she was told and not let him in. Ten minutes later Jane's mamma returned and Jane sat where she left her, petting the cat.

"Jane," said mamma, "I think I told you not to let kitty in until I come back."

"You did, mamma," replied Jane "and I didn't let him in. He opened the door himself and walked in."

Notable Anecdotes. "The Starspangled Banner" is now regarded as our national anthem; that of England, "God Save the King"; France, "The Marseillaise." The other allies apparently have no distinguishing title for their national airs.

The national air of Italy is known to us simply as the "Italian National Hymn" and that of Portugal as the "National Air of Portugal," etc.

Hoot Mon!—The Kitties are coming!—Idlehour Sunday.—adv.

CROP REPORT

Joint Report of U. S. and State Agricultural Departments Out.

Good rains during the latter part of September greatly improved seeding conditions, benefited wheat and rye that had already been sown, revived pastures, and increased the yield of late potatoes and sugar beets, says the joint crop report issued by Coleman C. Vaughan, Secretary of State and Verne H. Church, Field Agent, U. S. Late potatoes have improved somewhat but the rains arrived too late to make a full crop. Notwithstanding the extreme dryness of the season corn is an excellent crop. Beans are showing good yields in the main bean counties of the central and eastern districts.

The average yield of winter wheat is 19.5 bushels as compared with 14.0 bushels last year and a ten-year average of 17.0 bushels per acre. The total production is estimated at 19,240,000 as compared with 10,010,000 last year. The average yield of spring wheat is 12.0 bushels per acre as compared with 18.1 bushels last year.

Corn is a much better crop than any since 1910, notwithstanding the dry summer and the damage it caused in some localities. The condition is 88 per cent which is equivalent to 57 bushels per acre, or a total production of 65,159,000. As 40 per cent of the acreage is usually utilized for silage purposes, the net grain production is placed at 57,895,000 bushels.

The average yield of oats is 24.4 bushels per acre, giving a total production of 38,040,000 bushels which is the smallest production since 1907.

The condition of buckwheat is 75 per cent, representing a total production of 759,000 bushels from the 52,000 acres planted, as compared with 780,000 bushels from 78,000 acres last year.

The potato crop shows some improvement since the recent rains, but only 46 per cent of a crop is expected. This represents a production of 28,571,000 bushels, as compared with 28,560,000 bushels last year.

The indicated yield of clover seed is 1.72 bushels per acre, as compared with 1.5 bushels last year. The average is small but the yield and quality are good.

The average yield of beans will be around 14 bushels per acre, the yield last year being nine bushels. Early threshing returns shows a yield of 15 bushels, but later returns are expected to reduce this average. The crop matured early and a large portion was gathered without rain so that the quality is excellent.

Tomatoes were practically a full crop and the quality was excellent. Cabbages and unions suffered from drought and insects; the former shows an average yield of 7.5 tons and the latter, 190 bushels per acre.

The apple crop is 37 per cent of normal as compared with 62 per cent last year. Grapes were usually fine in quality and there was practically a full crop. Pears are 62 per cent of a crop, two per cent better than last year.

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The Idlehour

- FRIDAY Taylor Holmes —in— "Taxi" also Triangle Keystone comedy
SATURDAY Elsie Ferguson —in— "The Society Exile" also Harold Lloyd comedy
SUNDAY The World Famous KILTIES BAND also Bryant Washburn —in— "Love Insurance" Shows at 2:00, 3:45, 5:30
MONDAY D. W. Griffith's "True Heart Susie" 7:15 and 9:00 o'clock Every woman and girl in Alma should see this picture. Also Gale Henry comedy.
TUESDAY Shirley Mason —in— "The Final Close-Up" also "Patty" Arbuckle in a return showing of "The Bell Boy"
WEDNESDAY Mabel Normand —in— "When Doctors Disagree" (This is a pippee) Also Larry Simon comedy
Special Attractions "The Starspangled Banner" in "The Wars of Virginia." "The Heart in "Square Deal Sanderson." "Anna Kimball Young in "The Better Wife." "Dorothy Gish in "Out of Luck." "Robert Warwick in "Told in the Hills." "Elsie Ferguson in "Witness for the Defense." "Tom Moore in "Lord and Lady Algy."

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