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The American Workman

That the American worker is the best paid, enjoys the highest standard of living and occupies the highest social plane of any workman in the world has not "just happened."

It has been made to happen, very largely by the workman himself, by organized effort.

It is a mere guess, of course, exactly what the American workman's status would be today if there were no labor unions and never had been any. But it is an absolute certainty that his share of the wealth his labor creates would be a great deal less than it is.

And it is equally certain that the industrial progress which has been made in this country during the last 50 years, a progress unparalleled in any other country, would have been less rapid without labor unionism.

For, whatever may be said to the contrary by those who, either for sincere or selfish reasons, oppose the labor organization principle, organization and efficiency of labor have gone hand in hand.

If it were possible, over night, to wipe out unionism, as a small but active and noisy minority of employers would like to do, the employers would suffer as greatly as the workmen, for the effect on industry would be disastrous.

But of course unionism is not going to be wiped out either over night or gradually. The agitation for the "open shop," which is the camouflage under which those who would wipe it out are operating, may make some headway, because of the abnormal industrial situation. But it cannot be permanently successful and it is a pretty safe prediction that it will be discontinued as an organized effort with the return of normal conditions.

The idea of collective bargaining, which is the fundamental principle of unionism, is the only possible way to maintain that equilibrium in industry which is vital to its efficient operation. Its benefits to employer and employe alike so much outweigh the petty irritations it causes that its continuation and growth are assured.

That the employers of broadest vision recognize this and realize that the best interests of all concerned require greater co-operation between employer and employe is one of the best signs of the times as it affects the future of American industry.

Organized labor wields great power. On occasion it has abused it, just as has capital, organized and unorganized.

But the whole tendency of American unionism is in the direction of the acceptance of the full responsibility, which those who have power owe to society.

The thousands of organized Seattle workers who today are celebrating Labor Day should consecrate themselves anew to the cause of unionism, not only because of what unionism means to them and their families, but also because of what unionism, when conducted in the proper spirit, means to the nation.

New Argument for Basin Project

(From the Spokesman-Review, Spokane)

With opened at Olympia on state highway construction are reported close to prewar figures. "A dollar in highway work now is worth \$1.50 at prices 13 months ago," says District Engineer Guy G. Harvey.

Here is a fact that advances tremendously the practicality of the Columbia basin irrigation project. All the cost calculations of the Columbia basin survey commission were based on prices as of June, 1920. Materials, labor and all other costs were then at the peak. On that basis the engineers found that the cost of irrigating nearly 2,000,000 acres of fertile land would be approximately \$170 an acre. This calculation took into account every possible item of cost, including engineering and a big allowance for incidentals.

A revision of the cost estimate of 15 months ago would probably show that the present day cost would be approximately \$100 an acre. That would be a moderate price for land of the known fertility of the Columbia basin.

This great project has extraordinary advantages—rich soil, an abundance of water supply, low altitude, long growing season, surpassing transportation facilities, the lands already being traversed by the main lines of four transcontinental railroads and by a number of branch lines, and the great project fronting on open rivers to the sea.

Don't expect to find a groom like the collar ad—or a bride like the corset ad!

With Guatemala's new porcelain money it will be easy to break a dollar.

Might as well put a luxury tax on jobs; that's what they are.

Losing Our Bearings

"I sort of lost my bearings," says John MacDonald, "and what had really happened that day left my mind, and I just hung off the words like he told me."

He was explaining in New York the other day, once more, how it happened that he identified on the witness stand, in the Mooney case, men he never had seen before.

Under pressure of the district attorney's office, according to his statement, he helped in this manner to convict Mooney.

MacDonald has told this publicly before. There is no reason for repeating it here, save that he uses a phrase that should bring home to the American people a grave danger that faces us all.

MacDonald "sort of lost his bearings." He was under pressure of the prosecuting attorney's office. The jury sort of lost its bearings. It was under pressure of excited

S. S. Importer Found at Sea

News of the discovery of the steamship Canadian Importer brings relief to many anxious minds. While few had abandoned hope, it was becoming difficult to understand how the ship could have been missed so long by the various search parties.

But the spacious Pacific has room for many currents of wind and water, and even a disabled ship travels far in a few days.

This search has also revealed the narrow limits of observation at sea and emphasizes the value of wireless telegraphy. Within a few years this system of communication has become so essential that a ship of the larger class seems to be helplessly isolated without it.

Even now, without wireless, we should have been a considerably longer time without word of the discovery.—Vancouver (B. C.) Daily Province.

Many a bride opening the fruit she canned this summer will get an awful jar.

The mystery is, how can a vacuum tell whether it is on a confection or not!

Home brewers are getting bottled up for the winter.

Many bootleggers go to jail for their convictions.

Poems for your Scrap Book

HUMAN WEALTH

BY BERTON BRALEY

Wealth—what is it? Houses and lands? But houses are built by human hands; And lands are barren—rank with weeds, Unless man tills them to meet his needs; And gold is useless, save when it buys "What labor fashions, what men devise. This is the wealth that the world will use—Human intellect, human tears, Without which all of our gear and gain Is dross and tinsel, is wholly vain.

Property, property! Let us hold Due respect for our lands and gold. But first comes wealth of the human kind—Lord, how long shall our eyes be blind To the truth that wealth which we count in Men Is treasure building itself again? The hands that fashion, the brains that plan, Are making a world more fit for Man.

Labor marches—with heads held high The ranks go splendidly marching by; Labor marches—whose strength and skill Build the bridges and erect the mill, Frame the tower and burrow deep Down in the earth where the blind moles creep; Labor marches—a wealth of men Who shall make over the world again; Into the Future, out of the Past, Labor shall march to its own at last! (Copyright, 1921, Seattle Star.)

Try This on Your Wise Friend

There is a number which is just as short of 16 as its triple is above 16. What is it?

Answer to Saturday's, 12.

Subjects Star Readers Are Pondering Over

Help Edit The Star to Suit Yourself

If you wish to voice a public grievance, if you know a piece of news that the reporters have overlooked, if you have observed a good deed that you think should be recorded, if you feel a little editorial bubbling up irresistibly in your system—write the editor a letter.

Keep it short; there are many other letters pressing for publication. Be fair and tolerant in your statement. Avoid bitter personalities. Stick to the main point.

Write on one side of the paper, plainly. If possible, typewrite the letter. Sign your name and address. If you do not wish them printed, say so and suggest a pen name or initials.

This is your department; edit it.

Reasons Against Smoking

Editor The Star:

Permit me to say a few words on the subject of smoking. The argument which many consider in its favor, that it "soothes the nerves," is the main argument against it with me. I do not question the right of all to smoke who want to, whether they wish to be their natural selves or to be constantly under the influence of alcohol, nicotine or any other narcotic or opiate.

But I find in about all problems, the rights of others seldom considered. I am personally acquainted with the following cases: One woman in good health, who never had lung or throat trouble, yet the smell and fumes of tobacco smoke cause violent coughing; another woman suffers extreme nausea, another gets headache, a man about 20, who had never smoked, was obliged to contract the habit in self-defense, being shut in nights with a crowd of men who smoked and was unable to get out otherwise. (I wonder if this is why some women smoke.)

It is the abuse of things which starts all reform—suffrage, prohibition, religion or what not, and in the end principle is found back of them all, thus proving "there is a divinity that shapes our ends, rough hew them as we may." LEARNER.

Japs Monopolize Tennis Courts

Editor The Star:

About three years ago at Collins played there was a good baseball ground. Now if you should go up there you will find our ball ground torn up and made into a tennis court.

Not one white man or woman plays on these courts, but Japs play there day and night. The Japs do not realize that most white men do not like to play tennis with them. When they knew they can't they don't come.

At Lincoln, Woodland, Walla Walla and other parks, they have ball grounds and tennis courts. At these fields mentioned above, you hardly ever find a Jap playing, but at Collins they come from all parts of the city with automobiles, etc.

Dear Mr. Editor, try to find out why the heads of the parks did this. The only paper I read is The Star, for it's the only people's paper in the city. A. G.

There is no way to prevent the Japanese from using the playfields. That might be another argument against unrestricted Japanese immigration here. R. E. Chapman, superintendent of parks, has declared that he intends to change the tennis court at Collins into a baseball diamond or handball court in the near future.—Editor.

Inhospitality at the Docks

Editor The Star:

I note the complaint of a visitor who had been refused permission to use the dock on arrival of boat at Pier D.

I know of no company so flagrantly inconsiderate to its patrons in this respect as the Alaska Pacific Steamship Company at Pier No. 2.

This is the third season a friend has spent in Alaska, and in spite of my attempts to do so, I have never been successful in waving him adieu from the wharf or greeting him on arrival.

As a sample of the way Seattle tourists are used, note the following: Last September, on arrival of the Victoria, the ship was held up by their dock managers, to whom I applied for permission to meet the boat on the wharf. "No, the passengers have to pass through the alley at the entrance, and you can see them there as soon as anywhere else."

So I took my station in the alley with others to await developments. Here the time of arrival of the Victoria was chalked on the board. No, not the actual time, but a period 20 minutes ahead of the actual time the boat landed. At the very moment the boat was tying up at the wharf the board was announcing it would not arrive for 20 minutes. Now had I waited the expiration of the half hour I should have missed an appointment, so I left the dock, and two minutes later my friend passed through the alley! Some service, eh?

I called on the secretary of the Chamber of Commerce and from his remarks I concluded I was up against a real proposition. The situation, in fact, expressed the feelings of a woman who had been "hit 'em again" and again and again and again if necessary! Maybe some day somebody will "take notice."

Very truly yours for better service, F. BRINKE, 4614 Engley Ave.

The Shopper's Viewpoint

Editor The Star:

I have just finished reading the article on "Educate Shoppers," by L. M. Andrews, and am going to reply from the standpoint of a shopper.

"My assist you, madame!" "No, thank you, I am just looking."

The most effective way to shop is to first look and then buy and it takes a good deal of nerve on the part of the shopper to make the above remark, for nine saleswomen out of ten will instinctively give you the feeling that you are not welcome if you are "just looking" and there is no prospect of a sale.

And now to get down to the psychology of the matter. A shopper will hum an air, or assume the attitude of ignoring the saleswoman, or talk about getting a better garment somewhere else, or criticize the buyer of the department—why? Just to shut out the little faith which she feels because the saleswoman gives her the feeling that it's a distasteful task to show things if she is "just looking."

Now to deal with the next type—the woman who doesn't know what she wants. It certainly takes tact to handle a person of that kind. But there are many women who have so little to spend on clothes, and they need so many things, that they have a difficult task wrestling with their sense of value. They probably need a dress and a suit and a coat, but as they have only the money to buy one garment, they are really bewildered as to which to buy, and they set up the attitude of indifference to camouflage the real situation. Now in a case of that kind, if the saleswoman were clever enough to get the psychology of the situation, she would draw the woman out and in the spirit of sincere helpfulness show that shopper what she needed most. Not only would a sale be made, but the overbearing gratitude of the shopper would be won.

When a woman has very little money to spend on clothes, she really does so little buying that she can't keep up with the styles and dislikes the idea of just eternally looking in the shops.

Now take the miss who selects a suit in the window, and she is 14. If she could always have faith in the sincerity of a saleswoman, she wouldn't question them when they told one that a certain garment was their style. But so often a saleswoman will tell you that anything on earth looks well on you just to make a sale. If a saleswoman were really in by giving one their honest opinion so as to win one's confidence at the start, one would believe anything

THE LION AND LAMB

BY DR. WILLIAM E. BARTON

COMMISSION of foresters and lumbermen has lately been making an inspection of the timber resources of the country. A forester is a man who advocates the planting of trees, and the saving of cut-over areas from fire and spoliation.

A lumberman is, or used to be, a man who cuts down trees, lets the fire take its course, and moves his mill out of the stumps to some other section which he treats in like manner.

I learned from these men that the lumbermen and the foresters are joining forces, and planning to work toward a common end. The lion and the lamb are going to lie down together.

The editor of a lumberman's journal said to me:

"We have come to recognize that the private ownership of timber lands lays upon the man who owns them an obligation not only to harvest the lumber, but to perpetuate the growth of the timber."

He said more, and I liked to hear it. He talked like a preacher. So do all men when they are in earnest. I catch this same note in Rotary

clubs, in Lions clubs, in Kiwanis clubs, in chambers of commerce. It is a note that never sounded so clear in the business world before. It is the note that expresses the obligations that go with privilege. It is the fine, strong recognition of the principle that noblesse oblige.

There are other obligations than those which the law can compel. There are obligations inherent in the spirit of nobility.

It is the recognition of that principle, as I gather, which has made the men who market lumber and the men who plead for the conservation of our forests not enemies but friends. They must have felt all along that the future of their work lay in a common plan, but now there appears a new recognition of the fact.

I am wondering how long it is going to take us to realize that a like principle underlies all business. I believe men recognize that today as they never did before. If I am right about this, then those men are really mistaken who declare that the world is getting worse.

On this Labor Day, I wonder how long it will take Labor and Capital to realize that in the long run their interests are common interests, and that the welfare of the country is to be promoted, not by the ruin of either at the hands of the other, but by the recognition of their common interests and their common obligations.

She Was Too Neat," Star Editorial

Editor The Star:

A certain post in an inspired moment wrote these words: aimed to them.

"Twelve oceans roll their light waves from one central source.

Twelve archetypal spheres unite time and space.

Twelve primal spheres shine from God's own face."

The twelve oceans, like the twelve primal spheres, are the twelve archetypal spheres, and the twelve spheres, nine of which are definitely known to modern astronomy, while the existence of at least two of the others is suspected.

The woman who describes was born with an over-endowment of the sign qualities of Virgo, ruled by the planet Mercury—of lightning perception and ever-ready industry.

Virgo discovered the atom, and the endless decimal fraction, and invented the atomizer to go with them. She was the original hair-splitter, in language, in thought, in speech, and in the division of labor.

She has a penchant for tapestry, tea and a corded liver; small talk, soap, carpeting and the doctor.

She has a spy tongue with a keen discerning eye—prying, skeptical and suspicious in she, with a healthy fear of mice (not men).

Virgo is the sign of sorting, separating, analyzing, classifying and tabulating. The pronounced Virgo type has a small nose, little round black eyes; alert, inquiring and critical. They are sensitive, ambitious and self-contained; born chemists and calculators; can see Booth's point and immediately discover a flaw in it. They are the best proof-readers of any of the twelve signs.

It is the sign of work—labor and its rewards. Virgo is concerned with the food supply both in and out of the human body. The saltiness of the sign are all stressed with the great wheel of life around its children.

W. H. SCOTT.

Attention, County Officials

Editor The Star:

Referring to letter by "Constant Reader," published Sept. 1, commenting on the Canadian district, I wish to add that those words are not intended to offend anyone, but to the farmers and small home owners of the Duwamish valley.

Two years ago I did not have one on my place, but want spring I will have to plow up my pasture because these thistles are ruining my grass; they start from blowing seeds and come up each year there, after from the rest, and are next to impossible to kill off.

There is a law against them but if anyone can get it enforced I will be very glad to see it.

Very truly yours, CHAR. SMITH, Foster, Wash.

Starting Ambitious Undertaking

Editor The Star:

In order that everyone may get the full product of their labor, I am organizing a national co-operative corporation to be owned by all of the people and managed for their benefit.

The object is to create property, eliminate waste, prevent unemployment, obtain justice, promote the general welfare and raise the standard of living. The way that we can obtain our object is to own banks, farms, manufacturing plants of all kinds, transportation facilities, natural resources of all kinds, distributing stations, to make and sell everything necessary to human life, and to do anything that is helpful that is necessary for the good of the people.

Capital—Shareholders to be paid interest for the use of money invested. Any amount of stock can be bought.

Property—All property to be made into efficiency units, according to location, etc.

Production—Production to be regulated according to demand.

Dividends—All workers to be paid in proportion to what they produce.

Management—Members elect producers board of directors and distribute managers and assistants. Other committees appointed.

Production—Each trade, business, occupation or profession to co-operate with themselves and with each other for the most efficient production, according to the needs and demands of the people.

Distribution—Distribution to be in the most direct way so as to eliminate unnecessary handling and cheating.

As the principles of the constitution of the United States of America are just and for the benefit of the people, and the people do not believe in or live up to these principles can be a member of this corporation.

C. H. Ryberg, 1027 Belmont Ave.

A Letter From Avridge Mann

Editor The Star:

Dear Sir: I never knew the way we came to have a Labor Day, so I have always thought it queer that we should labor all the year, and when our "Labor Day" arrives, then no one labors but our wives.

I looked it up and then I know, that back in eighteen eighty-two, the "Knights of Labor" started out to go parading round about, and soon the laws began to say that it should be a holiday.

These Knights of Labor used to claim, if we would let them have their aim, "industrial and moral worth" would be the greatest things on earth; and that's a thing, beyond a doubt, we'd all be glad to bring about.

AVRIDGE MANN.

Would Operate Dog Pound

To the Honorable City Council, Seattle, Wash.

Gentlemen: In view of the persistent demand by taxpayers that municipal expenses be cut, we deem it an opportune time to again call your attention to the fact that the King County Humane Society has on several occasions offered to save the city several thousand dollars a year by setting in the capacity of poundmaster.

Some years ago the city refused the offer, on the ground that there was no authority for changing the management of the pound, or the legislature passed a law expressly giving the city that authority.

At the present time, when economy seems to be an absolute necessity, no better use of public funds and advantage taken of the society's willingness, here and now expressed, to assume this obligation.

Very truly yours, KING COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY, Seattle, Sept. 1, 1921.

Real Love and a Lasting Home

Editor The Star:

Regarding human love, matrimony and right affection, I observed the endowment of God being misused. He giveth all rights for us to be happy and saveth us from wrong, but in there no reply to his precious will?

Is there no way to stop divorce and husband and wife quarrels? In God's will, I think, Mr.

to the girl of his dream: "You are more beautiful than day. Will you be the queen of my soul? My life will be blank without you. You are the sunshine of my life. I've been more woe-stricken, Mr. Editor, since you are creating an impulse to run away, but are they proving what they are saying when they are settled down to act upon their words of love? In spite of these attractive expressions, after winning the girl they may never be satisfied for, they turn their faces to conquer others or at times they invent ideas for divorces.

I don't really understand, Mr. Editor, whether or not a couple is unhappy because they lack money to live in the way they want. I don't deny that real love is not all that makes us happy, but it is the greatest and most sacred means of opening the door of happiness. If the couple only stick together thru thick and thin and both help to promote their living and not just to increase their affection to each other rather than quarrel, get a divorce, or break the home, all will end well.

The man who neglects his wife has once level is only reflecting what his heart is made of. Follow the man who has a wife who is over-indulged by the appetite sex. Let us constantly weave pyramids of solid love, and not hollow, to take us to the glory in heaven. Just then we shall realize our duties to God. We must see for ourselves what glory is and how to get it. We are not to let temptations surround us, but look before you step. Let us think of the pitiful mother behind us who shares with us the greatest care, as they always do, in our difficulties and worries. They are parts of our hearts and souls. Why separate them and rob them of their hearts and love? When you appear at the altar making your victory over her, you pronounce in God's name, "I take thee to wife, and love thee till death." I don't know how to love her, but I do know how to love the above. Therefore, you own it all to God that you should love your wife till death thereafter.

I wonder, Mr. Editor, if you men only marry for fun or for real happiness. I presume they marry because they want to be happy. If so, should advise them that they should their loved ones—the sun of one's heart as I call it. They should have in mind that women, very often and almost always, make themselves artistically attractive. What for? Why, I think, they want to love their husbands and therefore do largely bring up their homes.

Occasionally, Mr. Editor, divorces are caused by jealousy over something unseen but heard. In this respect, failure in bringing up modern homes seems to take place because some persons are born in that nature of jealousy. To avoid the same, we should cultivate patience, courage and, most of all, trust in each other for the sake of love.

Turning to the second sex, Mr. Editor, do they really marry for pleasure or for real love? Mr. Editor, if any female will ever marry for money or simply for pleasure, they will be consumed by that false love and thus reap unhappiness. If any male will ever marry for money, he will be ruined. Because once the money is gone, they may not be able to keep their living in luxury and pleasure, and there comes the general and breaking of home which was once happy. Therefore, the man who loves his wife should love her for the opposite sex.

Then he might turn brute in revenge of his lost love. In this case he has reasons for being so because he might say to himself, "An eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth and a heart for a heart!" Therefore, the man who will fly from man to man, and therefore increase the menace to humanity. Let us all be serious and consider matrimony a sacred thing and not merely a phrasing as some people seem to do. Mr. Editor, I understand in the great measure why the divorce rate is so high. The women should marry with real love. In the first place, they should be worthy companions of their husbands, collectors, teachers of their children to follow the main road of love. Secondly, they are the queens of the home and the glory of the nation are really forming up. They soften the hearts of their husbands (that is, if the men are true to love).

Yours truly, APOLOVINO A. PALACIO, 213 Columbia St.

From the Congressional Record

POINTED QUESTIONS.

What answer has been made to a request for a \$200,000,000 appropriation for the soldiers bonus, which would rapidly be reduced during the present year, provided in the soldiers' four-fold plan?

What answer was made by the treasury when the railroad, after charging more than double pre-war transportation rates 33 months after the war, are now demanding \$200,000,000 from the public treasury? Will the railroad get it? Will soldiers get half that amount for a four-fold plan of compensation?—Rep. Frear (R.) Wisconsin.

From the Congressional Record

FRANK FROM GARRAR.

I know many farmers who have more sense than some United States senators.—Sen. Reed (D.) Missouri.

THE FOX TALK.

For eight years during the Wilson administration of the United States the Republican party of the house to the effect that those upon the democratic side were rubber stamps; that we were subject to executive domination. Mr. Speaker, so far as my knowledge of history goes, there has never been, until this came up, a time when a president of the United States practically demanded the right to appoint a member of a legislative committee, and that a man not a member of either legislative body. (Referring to the appointment of Walter F. Brown on the joint committee on reorganization.)—Rep. Garrett (D.) Tennessee.

TO LAKE CRESCENT

The Steamer Solana, leaving Colman Dock at midnight daily, commencing on Sept. 10th for SEASIDE TAVEN, Lake Crescent.