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JOHN KIRBY TO JOHN MITCHELL.

John Kirby, who has succeeded C. W. Van Cleave as arch-foe of all labor organizations, which seems to be the business of a president of the National Association of Manufacturers, sent an open letter to John Mitchell recently.

In this letter Kirby rubs salt into the open wound of labor relations by rehearsing story after story of alleged "labor" outrages. How many of them are real labor outrages, and how many are ordinary crimes faked to look like evils resulting from strikes, no one can say. It is interesting, however, that the week that saw Kirby's letter published saw a bomb-throwing in a war between protected and unprotected gamblers in Chicago laid to the labor people, and we may look for Mr. Kirby's next pronouncement to list this among union enormities—for he is evidently one of those overwrought souls to whom the ordinary rules of evidence mean much or little according to the way his mind is made up.

For all that, union labor has been guilty of outrages in the past. We should be glad to think that these things are over, but the blind hate of men like Kirby and Van Cleave forbids any confident hope. The Van Cleave, Kirbys, Comperses and Mitchells are thrown into an arena by forces greater than they, and greater than they may know, and made to fight like rats and dogs in a pit. Perhaps one is as much to blame as another. And at bottom, we common citizens are as much to blame as they. For we make and unmake institutions; and institutions make labor troubles.

Kirby declares that his union is seeking to protect "peaceful and law-abiding citizens in their God-given right to labor."

Does he know what that means? Does it mean only that every man has a right to work as a strike-breaker or otherwise, for him and his associated employers?

Is it a God-given right to work for someone else only? If that is all it amounts to, is it worth fighting for?

If the God-given right to labor means that God has accorded to most men the sacred right to compete with each other for jobs to be given or not as they please by other men, then all that is necessary for the re-establishment of slavery in any country is for the employers to organize so closely that they can list, name, number, tag and rate all the laborers who may desire work, and give work or refuse it as they please.

If that is all there is to the God-given right to labor, God has delegated to capital the absolute rulership over labor.

Of course, Kirby may urge, the world is wide, and labor may find employment anywhere. But it is not true. The world is wide, but it is owned. Labor has ceased to own any world.

If Kirby will throw himself into the fight for the striking of the hand of monopoly from the ownership of the earth, he will show himself capable of looking at both sides of the shield. Labor and productive capital are both exploited by monopoly.

CAN FATE BE CRUEL TO THIS WOMAN?

"I do hope I am lucky enough to draw some land, and I don't care much what it is like," said a little woman who had traveled far to register for the Spokane drawing. "I've wanted a place I could call my own and do just as I pleased with all my life, but somehow we were never able to get one. My husband was the same way and we used to save every penny we could from his wages to buy the land we were always hoping for."

"Every spring we laid it out and planted it in our minds and went all through the growing and harvest season the same way. I used to practice farming all I could in the little patch of backyard of the house we rented, but it was so hot there in summer and the ground was so hard it was mostly a failure."

"Once I kept a sweet pea vine alive until it bloomed. Our first little baby girl lived around that vine, and the rest of us were about as fond of it. It was the most wonderful thing in our lives. If I do draw a place, though, my husband won't be here to enjoy it with me. Neither will the little girl. She is married and far away. But there are enough of us left to make a little home that will seem like paradise if we can get it. It is going to take all we can rake and scrape even at the price the government charges, but we will manage it somehow."

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FALLS CITY LADS BUSY

Most likely the last game of ball that the First battalion of Fort George Wright will have an opportunity to play in Spokane will be that to be given on the fort grounds Sunday with the Falls City team.

The Falls City nine, which is an independent team, composed of boys averaging 18 years or under, has taken 13 games out of 16 played this season and is considered very well matched with the Fort Wright team. Manager Vic Ross of the Falls City nine stated this morning that he had the entire schedule arranged up to the middle of August and that no game aside from an engagement with the Argonauts, made up of boy champions of the average ages of 18 years, will be played. That game will be played at the Argonauts' own terms, he stated.

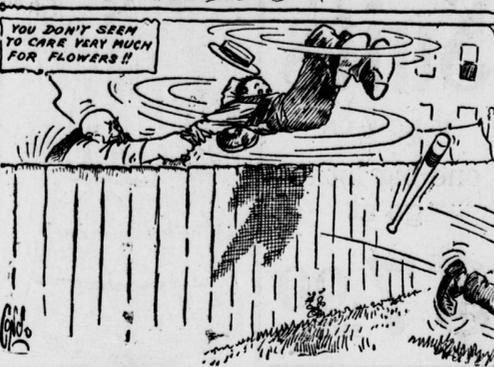
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PEELING DOWN TO PULCHRITUDE

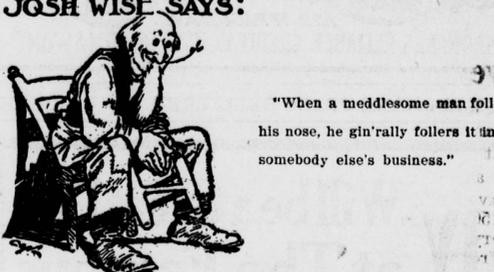


Mr. Lizard—How handsome you are looking, now that you have shed your old skin. Mr. Snake—To be sure. Beauty is but skin deep.

OUTBURSTS OF EVERETT TRUE



MOST ANYTHING JOSEPH WISE SAYS:



"When a meddlesome man follows his nose, he gin'rally follers it in ter somebody else's business."

ter. Have you a toothbrush at home? Johnny (proudly)—Yes'm; we got three of 'em.

The man who knows it all must have an awful strain on his mind.

So, Jones is going to put his money in mines. I didn't think he knew anything about mines. He doesn't. That's why.

Our care should be to live to some purpose.—Seneca.

THE POWER OF SUGGESTION

A neat, printed card this morning appeared on the lattice work of the elevator shaft of the Hutton building, directing visitors to the chamber of commerce exhibit of resources on the second floor. The blue chalk scrawl has disappeared.

I am going to good old New England; I want to go home in 10 days. Bowers, Spokane Piano House, across from Review building. \*\*\*

Teacher—Johnny, I don't like to speak about this, but I think you ought to look after your teeth better.

HAD HORSES IN TRAINING

Almost a clear case of horse stealing has been worked out against Ray Sharp, a young fellow arrested by Deputy Sheriff Logan at the fair grounds yesterday, together with Harvey Skaggs, J. W. Spence of Deer Park, who located two of his horses in possession of the two men here, found the animals through information he secured at Deer Park.

He was told that Sharp had taken them off the range and had gone through Deer Park with them. So far little information connecting Skaggs with the actual theft has been secured. The two arrested parties had four animals, all believed to have been stolen, in their possession at the time of their arrest.

They were training one of Spence's saddle horses to the track. It is claimed. The other was a driving horse that had been only partially broken to the harness. It is thought by the authorities that the two young men have been implicated in some of the other recent cases of horse stealing. They will be arraigned in preliminary hearing late today.

BUILDING CAR LINE TO LINCOLN HEIGHTS

Following the final passage of the franchise last Tuesday night by the city council the Traction company has begun work on its extension to Lincoln heights. The extension will leave the Manito line at Eighth avenue and follow Rockwood and Southeast boulevards for the greater part of the distance to its termination at Twenty-ninth and Freya street, a distance from the center of the city of 3.2 miles. It is expected that it will be in operation by September 15. The extension to Lincoln heights

is being made in connection with financial arrangements entered into with the Lawyer-Kiernan Land Co., owners of Lincoln heights.

FAMOUS GROCERY

SATURDAY SPECIALS

Egg-O-See, three packages... 25¢  
Mt. Vernon Milk, three cans... 25¢  
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SEAT SALE SATURDAY  
MRS. FISKE  
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SPOKANE THEATER, MONDAY AND TUESDAY, JULY 19-20

THE MID-SUMMER CLEAN-UP SALE

reaches its climax on Saturday. We are going to sell more suits on that day than we have ever done on any one day in our business history.

This sale of ours is unique in that it includes every summer suit we have in the store—none reserved. You get the opportunity to buy a suit just when you need it at very much less than regular prices, and as you very well know that our Suits are always the best values in the city you can readily see wherein you save considerable money. Here are the prices. See the window displays, and by all means come in and see the stocks.

- All \$15.00 and \$16.50 Suits are on sale at... \$12.50
- All \$18.00 and \$20.00 Suits are on sale at... \$15.00
- All \$22.50 and \$25.00 Suits are on sale at... \$19.00
- All \$28.50 and \$30.00 Suits are on sale at... \$25.00
- All \$32.50 to \$38.50 Suits are on sale at... \$27.50

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Men's gunmetal, patent colt, wine lotus calf and tan Russia oxfords, in the newest styles; regular \$3.50 and \$4.00 grades... \$2.85

Men's tan shoes, medium toe, new style; made of fine, soft leather; a comfortable shoe for warm weather... \$2.95

Misses \$2.25, \$2.50 and \$3.00 oxfords, in all leathers, also in ankle pumps, black and tan; all go at... \$1.85

Misses' high shoes, in all kinds of leathers and cloth top patent vamps and patent tip; shoes worth up to \$3.50, per pair... \$1.95

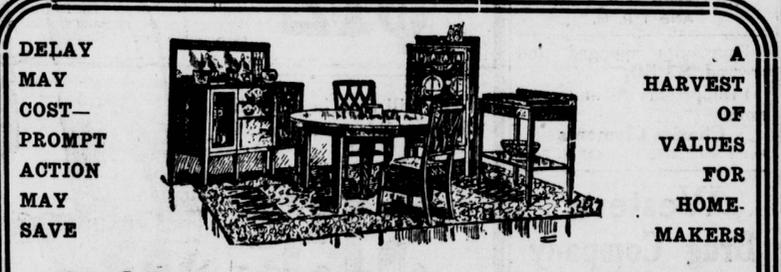
Boys' patent and tan oxfords, on a medium toe; regular \$3.50 grade... \$2.25

LeClaire's  
Repairing done while you wait. 823 Riverside.



BEFORE YOU START ON YOUR SUMMER VACATION

better come in and get fitted out with a new trunk, suit case or grip. Think how inconvenient it is to have to fool with an old broken trunk or suit case. Get a good one now and you will be fixed for years to come, as the lasting qualities of our goods are unsurpassed. We manufacture them, using only the best of materials and are enabled to give you exceptionally good values for the money. We will appreciate your patronage.



Good Dining Room Furniture Prices Slashed

- A \$3.25 solid oak Early English box saddle seat Dining chair... \$1.95 (Six only to a customer.)
- A \$6.50 Early English box seat arm dining chair to match... \$3.75
- A \$78.50 set of six Early English dining chairs and an arm chair to match, with olive green leather seats and claw feet... \$45.00
- A \$60.00 Early English 52-inch pedestal dining table with 8 ft. extension... \$42.50
- A \$100.00 Early English buffet with full plate glass top, front and sides and plate mirror back... \$72.50
- A \$95.00 Early English crystal cabinet built for a corner with plate glass shelves and mirror back... \$65.00
- An \$88.50 fumed oak buffet with top 33x60 inches and full length plate rail; very roomy... \$56.50
- A \$55.00 Early English dining table with 50-inch top and 10 ft. extension; splendid value... \$35.00
- A \$62.00 Early English china closet with plate mirror back of two top shelves; square cut design... \$39.50
- A \$60.00 Early English pedestal dining table with round top 52 inches in diameter and 8 ft. extension... \$43.50
- A \$31.75 Early English china closet with mirror top, square design... \$21.75
- A \$65.00 quartered oak Early English buffet; a long, low, square design of handy interior arrangement... \$40.00
- A \$45.00 Early English china closet; a low type with full circle ends and adjustable shelves... \$29.50
- A \$47.50 quartered oak Early English buffet with canopy top over bevel plate mirror of good size... \$35.00
- A \$65 Early English buffet of heavy design with top 20x46 inches and lined silver drawer... \$40.00

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