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## GIVE THE LABORER HIS CHANCE.

County and city heads and many of the deputies are accorded two weeks' vacation in the summertime on pay. Nobody raises objection to that, even though the industrious deputy be known to enhance his revenue by working at something else while the public is paying him for resting in order that he may render better service for the rest of the year. A court bailiff, for instance, presides at a barber chair in the time he is drawing pay from the county for doing nothing for the county.

But the point of interest in both county and city vacations is that the man who works hardest at manual labor for either never hears of permission to seek rest and recreation without loss of income or danger of losing his job. Giving him a vacation would probably inspire protest from businessmen and politicians generally. It would be regarded as a deliberate waste of taxpayers' funds. Yet most businessmen and professional men, and even politicians, take vacations. And the manual laborer, as a rule, pays more taxes proportionately than the others.

How many of the others need recreation as badly as the man who bends under the hot sun in the ditch day after day? And by what rule of law or logic has the public servant who may affect a white collar as he toils, superior rights and privileges over the public servant who finds overalls his proper working garb?

Concede that it is right and proper for public officials and their deputies from the bench down to relax during the hot months, notwithstanding the fact that the great majority of taxpayers who maintain the official machinery finds it just as necessary to keep humping while they sweat as when they shiver.

Does not that very concession argue that if one class of public service, in addition to higher salaries, is entitled to luxurious privilege every class of public service is entitled to the same sort of privilege? In private life a man takes a vacation when he can afford it.

Public officials assume that the public can afford their vacations, and in the lack of protest their assumption must stand. Why should not the man who does the public's manual labor, rain or shine, be permitted to act on the same assumption?

Does the logic of public service privilege end where the colored shirt replaces the laundered collar? If so, wherein is its justification?

And if the men who are doing the gruelling labor that makes and keeps the foundation of our civic structure intact can find no time for rest, is not equal vigilance and endeavor incumbent on those who keep the towers?

Since the summer vacation appears to have become a prerequisite of certain branches of public service, whatever justice there may be in it demands that the benefits be equally distributed.

The man who wields a crowbar is certainly as much in need of pleasure and as appreciative of it as the man whose heaviest tool is a pen or pencil.

## STAY ON THE JOB.

We venture to hope that the director of the reclamation service will not resign. One good reason why he should not resign is the fact that Secretary Ballinger wants him to.

Newell has managed the irrigation enterprises ever since there was an irrigation act. He was a student of irrigation for many years before there was an irrigation act. The reclamation work has been entirely free from scandal. The engineering enterprises have all proved successful. The work has progressed at an excellent rate. In the distribution of lands the poor settler has had as good a show as the richest man in the country. Neither politics nor favoritism has marred the irrigation enterprises.

Ballinger was opposed to the policies of the Roosevelt administration even while he was in the office of land commissioner, and left because of his lack of harmony with men like Garfield, Pinchot and Newell. He inaugurated his term as secretary of the interior by tossing to the power companies thousands of acres of land which Garfield had withdrawn from the reach of the "power trust." He has used the technical interpretations of the law to favor railroad and power corporations at the expense of the public domain, the forests and the reclamation lands. He has practiced underhanded and petty methods to secure the retirement of men like Newell, Pinchot and other Roosevelt appointees in whom the public have confidence. He maintains close political relations with notorious enemies of the conservation policies—men like Senator Carter of Montana, Hansbrough of North Dakota, and Frank Mondell of Wyoming. He has made orders already which have greatly hampered the work of the reclamation people, and has come to be regarded as so antagonistic to the service that many of the best engineers are planning to resign. His influence is demoralizing and sinister.

## Park Concerts Could Be Improved

The city park board conferred both benefit and pleasure on the public when it instituted the daily park band concerts. Each evening the park where the band plays is thronged with people who find a most welcome relaxation from the day's heat and labors in listening to the music and meeting socially in the open air.

If the concert at Corbin park last night is a sample of the usual program, however, the band itself could add considerably to the enjoyment of the occasion by revising its manner of performance. The selections played were very brief, not especially attractive and the waits between numbers were too

long. The musicians appeared as must intent on rest and recreation as to entertain. It may be assumed that since the concerts are costing the people nothing in the way of admission there should be no criticism of the program rendered, but this is not the spirit which actuated the board nor that in which the people come out to listen. Neither is it a good thing professionally for the band.

The numbers should be selected with an eye to the sprightly charm and soft melody that adds immensely to the appreciation of music played out of doors.

Teacher—What are the duties of the president?  
Pupil—He appoints the postmasters, and they in turn nominate his successor.

## "Hey, Shorty, Watch Them Clothes!"



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## OSGAR UND ADOLF BY FRED SCHAEFER



"Blessed, Adolf, I voutl like to half dot helf dollar you borrowed from me der odder day."  
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The bungalow man was delighted to hear it, of course. When they inquired of him concerning the desirability of a bungalow as compared to a flat, he couldn't find words to express it. He said he could show 'em, however, and they being willing, he paid the street car fare.

"Why, there's a lawn," she exclaimed, in exasperation, when their guide stopped before a broad, squat building with boulder portico, leaded glass windows and a big front yard, and began to dilate upon its merits as a bungalow.

The bungalow man stopped. It was the first time he had had a protest because of a lawn.

"Of course," he hastened to answer. "That's one of the particular charms of the bungalow. There's nothing that lends more—he was hastening to dilate upon the charms of grass and flowers when she again interrupted.

"But we have no lawn mower and don't want to buy one just for the summer. I don't think we'll look farther if all bungalows have lawns. We'll just stay at the flat."

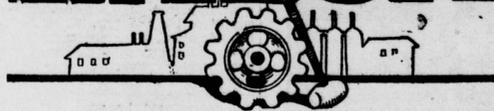
The man who marries in haste has no difficulty in knowing what to do with his leisure.

## CURLYQUE PUZZLE ANSWER TO NO. 2



A goose! Yes, that's what had Hans by the seat of the pants and made him cry. It was pretty easy, wasn't it, boys and girls?

# LABOR



BY PETER POWER.

The current number of the Amalgamated Journal, official organ of the iron, steel and tinplate workers, contains an editorial aimed at the United States Steel corporation that rings with defiance. The Journal charges that "the entire open shop program is one of pretense and deceit" whose votaries "avow that their employes shall have liberty, but their real intention is to deprive them of it. They propose to displace the industrial voice and vote of many men to enthroned the arbitrary authority and despotic will of one man." The Journal quotes the celebrated utterance of Lincoln that "this country cannot be part free and part slave; it must become all free or all slave," and charges that virtual slavery exists in the so-called open shop, which is the old slave system in a new disguise, and which will be met and fought fearlessly to the end.

In marked contrast to the war of extermination that is being waged against the labor organizations by the United States Steel corporation in its mills and upon the great lakes is the action of the British Shipbuilding Employers federation, which has fought the unions for years, and several years ago locked out upward of 150,000 men, entailing a direct loss to both sides of over \$10,000,000.

The British unions were defeated, surrendered, reorganized, and with traditional tenacity demanded recognition. The employers' federation counted the cost of the last battle, with the result that a few days ago an agreement was entered into with the representatives of 26 labor unions that virtually insures peace for three years. The agreement provides that no strike or lockout shall be declared until every means of conciliation shall have been exhausted in joint conferences, and neither side is to demand a change in working conditions at shorter periods than six months.

The growing disposition of the British workman to engage in independent political action and to vote against employers' candidates tended greatly to bring about a better feeling.

Although in the second strike of postal, telegraph and telephone employes in France, the government was credited with having gained a victor, its order forbidding those workers to organize has not only not been enforced, but European labor publications bring the information that the French cabinet officials are preparing bills to present to parliament to legalize labor organizations composed of government employes. Premier Clemenceau is said to have realized the futility of attempting to turn back the hands of time.

Inspired by the occurrences in France, the government employes in Germany, who are also prohibited from organizing, have been quietly forming an association among themselves, and Emperor William is likely to be the next ruler who will be given some un-

easy moments. Germany has the most powerful trade unions in the world, the aggregate membership being double that of France, and the solidarity and discipline is that of a well-drilled army.

Huh! I know I can go to Boston in less than a week. Big sale of pianos today. I think I can sell now in only a few days. You will know I can if you call at once. I am Bowers, of the Spokane Piano House, opposite Review bldg. \*\*\*

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