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FRIDAY, MAY 29

TODAY'S PROBLEM.

SENSIBLE VIEW OF THE RELATIONS OF EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES.

Shorter Workday, Higher Wages and Recognition of Unions Must Be Conceded—What Fixes the Rates of Wages.

At the twelfth annual banquet of the board of trade of Worcester, Mass., April 28, ex-Congressman Joseph H. Walker delivered an address on "Some Phases of the Labor Question." Among other things he said:

When the time comes that wage earners cease to demand higher wages and employers will not, and much more, when they cannot advance wages, progress in civilization has come to an end.

Again, employers must remember that advancing wages and shortening the work day greatly stimulate invention in order to keep the cost of the unit of product down and to still further reduce prices to the larger market.

These forces, seemingly destructive to each other, act and react as centrifugal and centripetal forces. While seemingly destructive the one of the other they are in reality not only desirable theoretically, but absolutely necessary to the safety of society. Where progress ends, retrogression begins.

The combination of several factories into gigantic corporations is only an inevitable step in advancing civilization. It must, in the working of inexorable natural law, be accompanied by like gigantic organizations of wage earners. The harm that would come to the country with the good that comes from gigantic combinations of employers can only be met and neutralized in the combining of the wage earners in equally strong organizations. The increasing and ever enlarging volume of accumulated wealth is necessary to a larger distribution of wealth among wage earners and to the shortening of the workday, the increase of wages and the lowering of prices to the masses. Through the proper distribution of this wealth, in the use of it by the masses of the people, we see the present incalculably increased sum of human happiness, as compared with the past.

The recognizing of organizations of wage earners is inevitable. To refuse them recognition is to attempt to turn back the hands on the dial of time. It is as futile and unwise as to attempt to relegate wage earners of today to the conditions of the past.

The changed conditions and methods of employers in producing wealth have necessitated changed methods and conditions upon the part of the employees in securing their betterment. The mistakes and wrongdoings of organizations of wage earners or of individuals in them, as of organizations of employers, have no more justification or excuse, but they have the same as have the wrongdoings of other organizations that have always accompanied advancing civilization.

But to refuse to recognize a labor organization by an individual and by corporations because of its faults always and everywhere puts them in the wrong and leaves them defenseless before the public.

The resistance of large bodies of wage earners outside of labor organizations to being compelled to become members of them, is normal and honorable, and they should be defended at any cost; but members of labor organizations only do as all of us do in trying to induce them to become members by honorable means. They are only doing as their employers are doing in the organizations of the employers.

Furthermore, rates of wages must be agreed upon for groups of wage earners. It is impossible for civilization to advance on any other basis. We must admit this has been the general practice for a third of a century. Wages, as well as longer or shorter workdays, are always made for groups of workers—not the individual—and

necessarily so. It is impracticable for individual employers in any large industry to agree with individual wage earners as to daily wages. Do not fail to observe that wages are not primarily fixed upon the basis of the amount of strength and skill that is required in producing the results of the day's labor by the law of demand and supply. Wages and the length of the workday are fixed upon the basis of the requirements of the social position of the wage earners. That is to say, the rate of wages is fixed in Christian communities by the amount of money required by the wage earner in each class by the consensus of opinion of all the people in his community as to the style of living he must maintain to keep his self respect in that community. This is largely made up of the opinions of other classes of men his daily work brings him in contact with. A determination to maintain the style of living of his class for himself, his wife and his children is what spurs each wage earner to fight to secure the wages necessary to buy the things the social position of his family makes necessary to it.

These conditions, as all of us must see upon reflection, are fundamental to progress. Wages are fixed upon the essential manhood of the individuals and not upon the efficiency of the group in projecting or executing work—the making of things. Wages are not fixed for any group of men simply as workers, as of mules and horses. As the principles of living taught by Christ are more and more needed, the wages of all workers have more and more approached a common level by raising the level of the lower wage groups. All nature struggles to equalize the

lots of men in bringing the enjoyment of all things within the reach of all men.

If we make a list of a dozen classes of workers, the truth of this statement becomes apparent—for instance, the rate of wages of cotton factory workers, woolen factory workers, unskilled laborers, carpenters, machinists, printers, clerks, bookkeepers, teachers, clerks, judges and so on.

This, again, is shown by the fact that wages in the same occupations are always higher in cities, where the cost of living is more, than in the country districts and higher in the larger cities than in the smaller.

To refuse to treat with the labor organizations, or to even acknowledge their existence, by employers, or by the organizations of employers, can in no case result in any permanent good in the present rapid march of civilization. It only makes discord in the army of God, and what is seemingly a success for a season can only result finally in the humiliation of the employers, as witness John Mitchell and President Baer.

Men will fight longer and sacrifice more for sentiment—what to them is a principle—than for substance.

I can say, after considerable experience as an employer, without strikes or their like for many years and with the number of strikes and threatened strikes in other years, having a fairly good "blind sight," that strikes are in almost all cases avoidable, and in nine cases in ten it is in the power of the employer, rather than in that of the leaders of labor organizations, to avoid them and keep the rate of wages satisfactory and be on the most friendly relations with his employees.

We, as members of this board of trade, in memory of the great, liberal minded men who preceded us, in the interest of this city of our love, in the interest and for the security of the noble men in the great body of employers and, above all, in the interest of the most intelligent, honorable and skilled body of wage earners on the face of the earth, should make an exhaustive study of and assume some responsibility in solving these latter day labor problems.

Roosevelt rebuked a California urchin for calling him "Teddy." If that boy could only vote!

Strikes and lockouts are the fashion everywhere. The workmen get that if the prosperity pie is as juicy as claimed, they ought to have a large slice.

The presidents tour ends next Wednesday. It has certainly been a great swing around the circle. The president's speeches revealed war as his favorite thing to talk about—presumably because war is as strenuous generally as can be.

C. A. Sprandel has bought 172 acres of land on the shore of Fish Trap lake, and will build a summer residence there.

J. Perovitz, of Flensburg has bought the Kosobuski saloon in the Denis building on the West side. Max Babr will be employed there.

E. J. Ring of this city, and Chas. Rowley of Brainerd, have taken large contracts for the erection of a school house in Brainerd this summer. Mr. Ring has done considerable work in Brainerd.

Mrs. Milo Porter and Mrs. Thos. Porter and children of Fitzgerald, Ga., are visiting at the home of Judson Briggs, Mrs. Porter's son-in-law, in Pike Creek. Mrs. Porter was for many years a resident here.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. John Kintop of the West side died Sunday morning, and was buried from the church of the Sacred Heart Monday afternoon.

Married

Frank Rudeck and Etta King were married by Justice Sheldon Friday evening.

Philip Guerin and Miss Kate Kintop of Randall town, were married by Justice Sheldon Tuesday.

Geo. B. Harris, of Pittsburg, and Miss Annie G. Johnson of the West side, were married Monday evening at the home of the bride's mother on the West side, by Rev. M. O. Stockland. Misses Tina Isaacson and Nettie Stromberg were bridesmaids, and Louis Johnson and John Anderson groomsmen. The happy couple left on the morning train for Pittsburg.

Sheriff Robert Delahant of Morris and Miss Bertie Dueber of St. Cloud, were married in Minneapolis Monday.

Janesville Democrat (23): Miss Lizzie Duimmel and Jerry Van Carler were married by Rev. Strassen in this place Wednesday in presence of a number of friends and relatives. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Duimmel of this place and the groom is a resident of Little Falls, where he is employed in the logging business. The happy couple will make their home in Little Falls after June 1st.

Anton J. Klimek and Miss Elizabeth Friesinger, were married at the church of the Sacred Heart Tuesday morning by Father Altendorff. Miss Frances Ebben of Sank Center was bridesmaid, and Felix Klimek, a brother of the groom, best man. After the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. Friesinger, east of the city. A number of relatives and friends from outside the city were present, including Mr. and Mrs. Christ Klimek, parents of the groom, Mr. and Mrs. F. Stodolke, Mr. and Mrs. J. Jendro, of Two Rivers and Mr. and Mrs. J. Marshik of Pierz.

Mrs. Klimek is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. Friesinger and is an amiable young lady with a large circle of friends. Mr. Klimek is a member of the firm of Klimek Bros., jewelers of this city. He is a steady and reliable young business man. The young couple will live in the house, corner Broadway and Sixth street.

Come and Gone.

Mrs. J. T. McCarthy is visiting in Minneapolis. M. V. Wetzel and Herb Newnan, were at Crow Wing lake on a fishing trip. The family of M. S. Jacobson have arrived from St. Paul, and are at the Columbia. M. M. Quimby and family have gone to Pea Hill, Wash. Mrs. G. F. Kirscher is visiting in St. Paul, and her mother, Mrs. Patterson, in Iowa. Mrs. J. C. Flynn has returned from California. Mrs. Belle Wood visited with the family of C. D. Ayer while enroute from Grand Rapids, Mich. to her future home at Verdale. Misses Addie and Annie Bellefeuille have returned to White Earth, after a visit with the family of O. Duolos. Mrs. B. E. Case of Fountain, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Hayes. Mrs. Addie Dumont has gone to Excelsior for the summer. Mrs. John Cowick is visiting her parents at Racine, Wis. Dan, P. Calhoun was a Randall visitor here Saturday. John Batters is back from the North. A. Raymond, Sr., visited in Brainerd. J. A. Kennedy and family left for Beaudette Monday night. R. C. Partington left for Kansas City Saturday, accompanied by his sister-in-law, Miss Pixley. Congressman Buckman left for Washington Saturday. Mrs. C. Ruppert of Minneapolis is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Burk. Mrs. Jans. Mehan returned to Minneapolis Saturday. V. Kasparek left for St. Paul Monday. Mrs. F. N. Goulet returned to Staples Monday. Mrs. Cel. Morton has joined her husband at Aitkin. Mrs. S. Trebbly went with the editorial excursion to Washington. Mrs. A. V. McCarthy visited in Royalton Sunday. H. P. Geer returned to Belgrade after visiting his daughter. Miss Wilhelmina Newman is home from the university. L. D. Brown has returned from Pennsylvania. Homer and Henry Richard are home from the university. Rev. F. E. Aleyne has returned from the East. Geo. Emdor is expected home tomorrow.

GIRLS CHASED BY MAN.

St. Paul Pioneer Press (26): A half dressed man, Roy Sumner, chased two girls along South Robert street near the Chicago Great Western tracks yesterday afternoon. The girls informed the Duane street police, who found a man in a box car. He gave the name of Roy Sumner and said he lived in Little Falls, Minn.

The girls were on their way home from town when they suddenly realized that a man, garbed only in underclothing, was running after them. They were badly frightened and took to their heels. They ran a block before the man turned back again to the railroad tracks. Fifteen minutes later a man was found by the police huddled up in an empty box car. Sumner was given 45 days in the work house.

F. Watson and H. Nelson are two new tailors at Bracke's.

Base Ball

Cravens and Edwards of the local team were released Monday and left for St. Paul.

The second team composed partly of the regulars, defeated the Verdales at that place Wednesday, score 7 to 3. Holt and Batters were battery. The game was a tie—8—3—till the thirteenth inning, when Medved won the \$5 offered by a Wadena manor the winning score.

Princeton Union (31): Clarence Hill, who has been playing with the Little Falls base ball nine, being quite ill last week with a mild attack of appendicitis and was obliged to return home and go to bed. He was taken to the Northwestern hospital last night for operation.

The St. Cloud Red Men defeated the local team Sunday 3 to 1 in a fair game. No scores were made till the fourth inning. Hanson for the visitors pitched a good game. Ferrell was in the box for the locals and struck out 8, Hansen 3. Brown was umpire and gave satisfaction.

There was a game of what perhaps an inhabitant of the Fergus Falls asylum might call baseball, on Friday evening between the Elks and the Red Men. It was a screaming and delightful farce. The band was present to drown the cries of the victims, and a hospital tent, with a skilled ambulance corps, proved, a valuable adjunct to the game. In the tent were several cases, or said to be, of the famous medicine known as Radway's Ready Relief. Also other. Medicine Man Chance directed the operations of the hospital crew.

The combatants in the game were more or less dressed. Umpire S. Rosmegistus Snow, with the aid of a shot gun, presided over the game, except when in the hospital. Weber was the first man to be taken sick and conveyed to the hospital. He reported conditions so well that disease seized many of the players, and some recovered only at intervals, keeping the ambulance corps busy. The umpire was probably the star boarder at the hospital, with Policeman John Wetzel and Weber a close second. When the game ended by limitation of medicine, the score was guessed at as 5 to 2 in favor of the Indians.

B. Barton and F. E. Cawley in becoming attire gold tricked the audience into buying peanuts they didn't want. There was a sensational episode when Policeman Wetzel wanted to save a lady's life by taking her to the hospital. But that wasn't a circumstance to the highway robbery committed on Cawley by a lot of ladies, who sidetracked his stock of goods, and gave them away. Cawley has not yet recovered from the shock, though a message from Uncle Josh Spruceby's company offering him a position on the stage, has somewhat mollified him. Barney Burton has since been asked to sit for a portrait of Black Donald in the Hidden Hand.

P. Holm is quite ill.

Mrs. M. Denis is very sick.

Boiler Inspector Hubbs of Royalton is in the city.

Edward Fortier returned Wednesday from the state university.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Engene Schingler, May 25th, a daughter.

E. M. Lange has gone to Chicago to study at the Chicago veterinary college.

Henry Oyen and family of Minneapolis visited relatives here while en route to the Pacific coast.

The annual musical by the pupils of John Gans was given at the Congregational church last evening.

P. H. Newman has bought the Wilson VanEps place of 120 acres, on Crow Wing lake, twenty miles north of here.

Philip Arendt was in Wright and Wabasha counties looking after his farming interests. He owns several farms there.

F. Tompkins is building another house on his West side residence property. The new structure is a story and a half high.

The Geo. Jenkins case at Aitkin in which J. N. True is attorney will be appealed to the supreme court on a question of jurisdiction.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Richard entertained the directors and officers of the German American bank and wives, at their home Friday evening.

Miss May Potter has succeeded Miss Eva Benson as operator at the telephone central. Miss Benson has gone to her home at Fountain.

An appeal has been filed from the order of the judge of probate admitting to probate the will of the late Aug. Reschke of Cudrum.

E. A. Kling and W. H. Dudley have formed the firm of Kling & Dudley, real estate dealers. The office is in the Rhodes block.

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Nice hats for children at 10c and 25c. Misses' hats 25c and 50c.

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TANNER STOCK SOLD.

As announced in our last issue, the stock of the Tanner Mercantile Co., was on Friday sold to Raymond & Ebert Bros. The new firm takes possession next Monday. Wm. Raymond, Ed. and Frank S. Ebert are the members of the new concern. Wm. Raymond has been in the grocery business for several years, for the last three years in company with Ed. Ebert. Mr. Raymond is an energetic and capable young business man. His partners are both experienced and able business men and grocers and the trio makes a strong firm. F. S. Ebert has been in the grocery business at Duluth.

The firm has leased the Tanner building, and Lewis Rader, for years with the Tanner store, stays with the new owners.

The Tanner Mercantile Co. succeeded in May, 1898, to the business of A. Tanner, the oldest store in the city. H. H. Tanner, has been the manager of the concern, which developed a large business, both retail and wholesale. Mr. Tanner will probably go into business in the West.

Mrs. H. Deiberr of St. Paul visited with Mrs. J. Kerrich, Jr.

Miss Olive Cornwell visited in Minneapolis.

J. T. Morrison and John Miller left Tuesday for Floriston, Cal. Mr. Morrison was presented with a beautiful K. P. charm before leaving, and also appropriate resolutions from the M. B. A. lodge of which he was presiding officer.

MEN'S AND BOYS CLOTHING.

Men's suits from 3 to \$15
Boys suits \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.50 to \$6.00.
Men's pants \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 to \$6.00.
Boys knee pants 25c, 35c and 50c.

A fine line of dress shirts at 50c, 60c, 65c, 75c up to \$1.00.

Also a nice line of collars, cuffs, neckwear, collar buttons, cuff buttons, studs, buttons, bill books, pocket books, sleeve holders, etc.

MEN'S AND BOYS' HATS.

Men's felt hats 50c, 75c, \$1, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.25.
Men's straw hats 10c, 25c, 50c, 75c.
Boys' felt hats 25c, 50c, 75c. Boys' straw hats 10c, 20c, 25, 50c.

A full line of Men's, ladies' and children's shoes.

Come in and see our stock before you buy.

ANNUAL BANQUET.

The annual banquet given by the high school literary societies to the senior class, at Maurin's hall Wednesday evening, was a very successful affair. The high school classes faculty, board of education, alumni, and parents of the graduating class, were present. The hall was beautifully decorated. Misses Graham and Harding opened the exercises with a piano duet, followed by a selection by Miss Fouts from the Mill on the Floss. Will Wright officiated very acceptably as toastmaster. The toast to the seniors was given by Frances Fortier, responded to by Eva Richard; to the juniors by Wm. Zalondek, responded to by Clarence Carley; to the sophomores by Flossie Coe, responded to by Sam Robinson; to the Freshmen by Loren Roberts, responded to by Lillian Lindbergh; to the faculty by Sidney Mann, responded to by Supt. Frazier; to the board by Stanton Cawley, responded to by F. W. Lyon. The addresses were all unusually good, witty, and bright. Mr. Frazier's farewell talk was very entertaining, and replete with good advice, as was Mr. Lyon's. Dancing followed the exercises.

J. A. Nichols has returned from his trip to the Saskatchewan valley, where he went with Ray Jones of the Commonwealth Lumber Co. to investigate the lumber industry of that region. A good deal of spruce lumber is manufactured, but there are great possibilities in the lumber line, as well as in most others.