

# KICKER SUSPENDS.

To FRIENDS AND PATRONS:

With this issue the KICKER will suspend indefinitely.

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## SCOTT COUNTY KICKER.

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## WHERE THE GOOD THINGS GO

Mr. Dooley closes his well known essay on country life with the observation that the place to live is not where the good things come from but where the good things go to.

What an admirable thing it would be if the American people would take a leaf from the book of Mr. Dooley's experience in the present crisis.

The cost of living is soaring skyward. So high have the prices of some commodities gone that they have been temporarily eliminated from the budget of the ordinary family.

New York and Philadelphia report food riots. On all sides there is expressed discontent and an almost childish curiosity with regard to the future prices.

"When will things be cheaper?" people ask one another. "What are we to do?" they question. "How can we go on living with prices as they are this winter?"

They do they talk and argue while the congested railroads are rushing millions of tons of cotton, corn, coal, steel, copper and wool to the seaboard where they will augment the rapidly growing export trade of the United States.

The financial and commercial interests of the country are glorying in our increase of exports. One of the great financial institutions of New York in a recent publication describes the increases in our South American trade during the past three years.

In 1914, the year that the war started, our exports to South America were 91 millions in 1915, 144 millions, in 1916, 220 millions. The statisticians who prepared these figures go on to show that cotton, coal, machinery and other manufactured products have been the chief gainers in this increase of exports.

A leading financial paper of New York gleefully exclaims that the nation's export trade continues to surpass all previous records. January exports exceeded by nearly 100 millions in value the best previous month in the country's history.

During that month commodities valued at 613 millions were exported from the United States. During the 1915 the total exports were 31-2 million during the year 1916 exports were 51-2 billion.

Comparative figures are any indication of the vast majority are imposed by the tremendous increase in the cost of living. At present time America is in a place where the good things come from.

A few days ago an ardent advocate of the prosperity that comes from the exporting of raw materials that are needed at home, publicly stated that if the submarine warfare was successful in preventing further shipments to the Allies the American people would starve.

He was thinking only of a system of economic life that rewards those who are already supplied. To him it seemed that American people must starve to death if they kept their wheat at home instead of sending it abroad.

There is not a man in the city of New York with a brain strong enough to figure out how the millions of dollars that the money will own him. He becomes a key to a safe. That money will get him up at daylight; that money will separate him from his friends; that money will fill his heart with fear; that money will bring him down at night.

These days of sunshine and his dreams of pleasant life. He does not own it. He becomes more and more of a slave to the money.

## FROM KELSIO.

Theo. Goetz of New Hamburg parish was here Sunday in spite of all the rain, and was seen driving toward the John Sever home.

What the attraction Theo. C. J. Bush, an employee at the Cotton Belt offices in Illinois died suddenly Thursday morning.

He has been in poor health for some time. Apoplexy is given as the cause of his death.

Miss Pauline Weiter, who was operated on for appendicitis at the St. Francis hospital Cape Girardeau, is reported to be getting along well.

Mr. and Mrs. Keusenkoth left Saturday for Quincy, Ill., to be at the bedside of their son John, who is seriously ill with pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Bies of the Macedona neighborhood spent several days visiting relatives here and at Anzell.

John Ressel sold a fine black mare to Emil Donoghe for \$220.00 and the latter a male to John Enderle for \$175.00.

Sunday a crowd gathered at the Clem Westrich home, to remind his daughter, Miss Coletta, of her 16 birthday.

Mrs. Caroline Hefferkorn and daughter, Miss Ella, spent several days at Ocan, with the Louis Hefferkorn family.

On account of the measles there are only about 50 children in the parochial school. The usual number being 200.

Chris Gueck and Frank Enderle are remodeling a house for August Lux, on one of his farms near Rockview.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Bell of Belleville, Ill., are visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Gueck.

Frank Legrand and Wm. Lieble left for St. Louis Saturday with hogs and cattle.

On account of bad weather Paul Sunday, church was not very well attended.

Miss Caroline Westrich is staying with the Alois Heissler family.

Mrs. Dick Weiter of Anzell spent several days visiting her parents.

at Chaffee on Friday of last week. Farmers were very busy sowing oats last week.

## THE STATE AND WELFARE OF THE PEOPLE.

From St. Louis Labor. Sometimes even the capitalist newspapers tell the truth, especially when they cannot help themselves in any other way. Thus the growing discontent and unrest of the masses of the people on account of the high cost of living has caused one of the journalistic mouthpieces of the exploiting class to remark that "we are tending more and more to the view that the state has a direct responsibility for the welfare of its people."

This is some advance over the view, so dear to the ruling classes everywhere, according to which the state has merely police functions to perform and no business whatever to trouble itself about the welfare of the masses of the people. The state was the policeman of the ruling classes, the guardian of law and order, but the nature of this order was beyond the reach of the state. This order was determined and shaped by the economic forces operating in society with which the political powers had no business to interfere.

The poor might suffer, but that could not be helped. Progress demands its victims, and society pays for its achievements with human lives.

Of course, the masses of the people, the suffering victims of capitalist law, order and progress, never shared this view of their exploiters. They always were of the opinion that the state was to be more than the universal policeman, that the welfare of the people was its first and foremost concern, and to safeguard their economic interests their paramount duty. And now we hear that this conception of the object and purpose of the state is gaining ground in the other camp, too.

This is a delightful surprise, but more than merely the expression of opinions and wishes is needed to make the state take care of the welfare of the people.

Let us never forget that the state is still in the hands of the capitalist class, and that this class has no interests to use it for purposes which are opposed to its own purposes. You cannot take care of the welfare of the people as long as the principal means of life are in the hands of individuals and the private ownership - the means of production is the foundation of our social and political system.

What then is to be done? The answer is as clear as daylight: The people, whose welfare is the only thing that matters in this world, must get hold of the political power, must identify themselves with the state, and use the organic means of life into the hands of the state will represent the interests and do the business of those who are in control of its powers. It will remain the state of the capitalist class as long as they control it; it will become the state of the working people as fast as they conquer it.

## CHILD LABOR.

By Carlotta Perkins Gilman. No feeding feed the father bird. No chicken feeds the hen. No kitten catches for the cat. This story is for men.

Read the manuscript which...

FROM NEW HAMBURG. Cecilia the 10-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Heuring, died of spinal meningitis Friday and was buried here Saturday morning.

White Goetz made his regular trip toward his creek Sunday through the bad weather, and on the road met a friend, who was going to see his best girl too.

Leo Gauss was at Benton Sunday last week, and the Misses Mary Goscin and Lena Bischer visited one day with the family of Leo Heuring, near Chaffee.

Albert Goetz and Wendolin Bucher were hauling ties, to Chaffee, Friday of last week. The ties belonged to Leo Bucher.

T. A. Wylie was a business visitor at the home of Louis Goetz on Saturday of last week.

Owing to the bad weather the attendance at church was small on Palm Sunday.

## MISTAKE HARD TO CONDONE.

It May Be Set Down as Certain That Neighbor Will Never Borrow Money From Perkins.

Some people keep gramophones as a hobby; some do it on purpose. I live at the Nook, situated in a quiet avenue, I have lived here for two weeks, but when I came I didn't know they had a gramophone let loose.

The house next door to me is called the Retreat. From nine in the morning until the last car home there comes from this house the sound of an oboe, a D-flat piccolo, two more piccolos, more D-flat than usual, a concertina in the last stages of croup, the bagpipes, and the clarinet disguised as bronchial catarrh.

What did Edison want to invent such things for? One of these days I shall write him a jolly stiff note about it.

I ask you, what would you do if you were writing an article on "The Economic Aspect of the Black Beetle's Patella as Compared With the Physiology of the Great Fly," and then to be greeted with information that it is still a considerable distance to Tipperary?

The matter is fast becoming serious. Only the other morning when I came downstairs I found our cat lying dead with cotton wool in each ear. I cannot get anything to grow in the garden.

The other day I decided upon action. I said to Perkins, who lives at the Retreat, when I saw him in his garden: "Do you want to sell your gramophone, Perkins?"

"Gramophone?" he said. "That isn't a gramophone. That's my daughter singing. Got a good voice, don't you think? Writes good poetry, too. I ought to get some advice for her, don't you think?"

"Yes," I said. "You ought to see a doctor. Perhaps a piece of bone is pressing on the brain?"

Perkins doesn't speak to me any more.—London Answers.

## RADIO MEN GETTING SCARCE.

Ships in American Ports Are Delayed Because Wireless Operators Fear the Submarines.

There is a shortage of first-class wireless telegraph operators, and, in some instances recently, boats leaving American ports have been held up until a man could be found.

A few days ago a boat bound for an English port wanted an operator badly. The place was offered to two Philadelphia operators, but they hesitated at taking chances with German submarines, and the master of the craft was forced to pick up a gallant soul from New York, who agreed to make the trip.

Wireless operators on cargo boats get from \$40 to \$60 a month and their keep.

Build Vast Artificial Lake. A remarkable engineering feat was recently accomplished in southern India when the mammoth artificial lake of Marikavay was completed in Mysore.

Indian state twice as large as Maryland, ruled by an enlightened and progressive maharaja. It is 18 miles long and has an area of 30 square miles. The dam thrown across the gorge—240 feet wide—to impound water that formerly ran to waste and is now being utilized for irrigating land that would be otherwise parched and barren.

It is 1,230 feet long, 162 feet high, and 15 feet thick. A weir 470 feet long has been built to discharge excess water, which, during the monsoon is heavy. The work was initiated and finished by Indian engineers and is a monument to their engineering skill, as it is a credit to the government of his highness, the maharaja, who furnished the money for it—\$1,500,000.

## SALE OR TRADE.

For Sale.—Two milk cows with give milk all summer. Prices \$40 and \$50. J. S. Thompson, Morley, Mo. Rfd. 1, box 54.

For Sale or Trade. One Sprout Waldron 22 in. stone barr grist mill, with corn and cob crusher combined. Will sell cheap for cash, or will trade for stock. J. W. Heeb, Chaffee, Mo.

If you are in need of fence posts would be glad to quote you prices on same. Car load lots if wanted. Write for see Geo. J. Arnold, Commerce, Mo.

For Sale.—A 2-year-old dhorse colt. Will trade for fresh cow or one that will soon be fresh. Geo. J. Arnold, Commerce, Mo.

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For Sale.—My farm of 555 acres, 45 acres clear, ten in timber, located in hard mile of Forntel or Illinois. Also four houses and seven vacant lots, within one block of box factory and round-house. Will sell reasonable. Write or see John T. Boss, Illinois, Mo.

If you are in need of good poultry remedies call or see B. J. Enderle, Commerce, Mo. Rfd. No. 1.

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J. H. Bannan, Vanduser, Mo. FOR SALE.—One Oliver Typewriter in good condition at a bargain. Call at the Kicker office for particulars.

## NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the latter Testamentary upon the estate of Phil A. Hafner deceased, have been granted to the undersigned by the Judge of the Probate Court of Scott County, Missouri, in vacation, bearing date the 10th day of March 1917.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance within six months from the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate, and if said claims be not exhibited within one year from the date of the publication of this notice they will be forever barred.

Mrs. S. Jennie Hafner, Executrix.

Citizen-Democrat.—Louis F. Jr., the two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis F. Reitz of Poplar Bluff died March 28 of measles and a complication of diseases. The little more than four-year-old daughter, Beatrice Ellen, died on the 24 of the same trouble. The condition of Mrs. Reitz is very serious. She has suffered a terrible shock.

TOLLING FOR THE MASTERS. The history of millions of men rolling to produce wealth for the express purpose of paying the enforced demands of landlords, capitalists, and other masters of the sources of production.—Bernard Shaw

## LABOR.

An honest laborer digs coal at about 70 cents a day, while the President digs abstractions at about \$70 dollars a day. The coal is clearly worth more than the abstractions, and yet what a monstrous inequality in the prices produced by labor. It follows that all such things by right belong to those whose labor has produced them.

But it has so happened, in all ages of the world, that some have labored, and others have without labor enjoyed a large proportion of the fruits. This is wrong and should not continue. To secure to each laborer the whole product of his labor, or as nearly as possible, is a worthy object of any good government.

As labor is the common burden of our race, so the effort of some to shift their share of the burden onto the shoulders of others is the great durable curse of the race.

The strongest bond of human sympathy, outside of the family relation should be one uniting all working people, of all nations, and tongues, and kindreds.

These capitalists generally act harmoniously and in concert to fleece the people, and now, that they have got into a quarrel with themselves, we are called upon to appropriate the people's money to settle the quarrel.

## TAKING LONG CHANCES.

Two college students were arranged before the magistrate charged with hurdling the low spots in the road in their motor car.

"Have you a lawyer?" asked the magistrate. "We're not going to have any lawyer," answered the elder of the students. "We've decided to tell the truth."—Argonaut.

If you saw a dog going down the street backwards, the tail wagging the dog, you'd think it the funniest sight you ever saw. A few capitalists controlling the great mass of producers is just as funny, but you haven't caught the joke yet. And when you do see it you are going to be too mad to laugh.

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