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## The Gospel of Labor

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But I think the King of that country comes out from His tireless host,  
And walks in this world of the weary, as if He loved it the most;  
And here in the dusty confusion, with eyes that are heavy and dim,  
He meets again the laboring men who are looking and longing for Him.

He cancels the curse of Eden, and brings them a blessing instead;  
Blessed are they that labor, for Jesus partakes of their bread.  
He puts His hand to their burdens, He enters their homes at night;  
Who does his best shall have a guest, the Master of life and light.

And courage will come with His presence and patience returns at His touch,  
And manifold sins be forgiven to those who love Him much;  
And the cries of envy and anger will change to the songs of cheer,  
For the toiling age will forget its rage when the Prince of Peace draws near.

This is the Gospel of Labor—ring it, ye bells of the kirk—  
The Lord of Love came down from above, to live with the men who work.  
This is the rose that He planted, here in the thorn-cursed soil—  
Heaven is blest with perfect rest, but the blessing of earth is toil.



## To Each Man Has Been Allotted Certain Work to Be Required of Him

Columbus begged his way from door to door in a strange land, leading his little son forlornly by the hand. Thomas A. Edison was the prey of bill collectors who dogged his footsteps like hungry wolves.

There are countless other men known and unknown to history who suffered nameless persecutions, even suffering death itself because they could not be dissuaded from doing the work that they believed it was theirs to do.

Work was their religion. It was the ruling passion of their lives. "And, after all, work is the great adventure," as Frank Lane said not long ago in one of his public speeches.

Work should be every man's religion. God himself has said that it is the truest way to pray. It is only the devil who loves to find our hands idle.

Now, it is true also that it is not given to all men to make magic fiddles, to grasp beautiful ceramics from the oven or to discover new worlds. But, it is also true that every man can find work for his hands to do. It may be very humble work, indeed; it may be work that anyone can do; but no matter what it is, we can make it great. We can make it holy, even. We can consecrate our work by the soul that we put into it.

It seems to us that God's most gracious dispensation to men is that he continuously creates a sufficient number of them to do the common tasks. If we were all of us bent on making fiddles or ceramics, painting pictures and weaving songs, there would be no one left to hew the wood and draw the water.

In other words, if we were all "artists," who would cook the meals and wash the dishes?

There is no dignity to equal the dignity of labor. Remember that. And remember, too, that there is no labor that lacks dignity, no matter how simple or how common or how humble its tasks may be.

### LABOR'S HOLIDAY.

In 1884 the Knights of Labor held a parade in New York on the first Monday in September and a resolution adopted made it thereafter Labor day. Colorado led in making it a state holiday on March 15, 1897, and now only two or three states have not followed. In Pennsylvania in 1893 the first Saturday was appointed, but on June 23, 1897, Governor Hastings signed the bill falling in line with the "First Monday."

## CURRENT EVENTS IN OKLAHOMA

### ENID FIRE IS DISASTROUS

Low Water Pressure Hinders Firemen  
Loss Estimated at \$250,000.

Enid.—Fire of unknown origin, accompanied by explosions, completely gutted the Geromino Automobile factory at a loss of \$250,000. All fire departments of the city were called and although hindered by low water pressure, prevented the spread of the flames to surrounding buildings.

The fire originated in the paint room, supposed to be from spontaneous combustion. The loss to the building is \$45,000, to stock, \$150,000, and to tools, \$50,000. Investigation of the cause of the fire will be started immediately, according to Will Allen, president of the company.

The plant is covered by \$55,000 insurance.

### FATHER SHOTS HIS CHILD

"Choc" Beer Is Blamed for Act Occurring in Scuffle.

Henryetta.—While thought to have been under the influence of "choc," Lester Burgess, workman on the steam shovel gang at the Alko mines, accidentally shot his child at his home here.

Burgess is alleged to have had a quarrel with another man while at town. When he came home he got his gun and started to leave the house. The wife with the baby in her arms tried to hinder him, and the gun went off. The child it is thought will recover.

Burgess, who has been liberated from jail, said he served with the American army in France.

### WOMAN IS RUNNING STILL

Stillwater Officers Find Remote Hiding Place.

Stillwater.—Mrs. Wade Tunnell was captured Saturday, August 7, in the operation of a still one mile south and one mile west of the Yale bridge, the still being hidden in the timber along the Cimarron river, surrounded by almost impassable underbrush of weeds and thickets. The raid was conducted by Sheriff Litley, assisted by other officers, and the still was found after a search of several hours. It is the first still that has been captured in Payne county and perhaps the first woman that has been arrested for the operation of one in the state.

### Two Indians Killed By Train.

Holdenville.—While crossing the Frisco railroad track four miles north of Yeager in a buggy two Indian women were instantly killed by Frisco passenger train No. 512. The women were Kizzie Long and Flixie Nee. Their bodies were brought to Holdenville for burial. According to the engineer the women were fully warned by signals but apparently ignored them and drove on to the track.

### Tulsa Water Well Flowing Gasoline.

Tulsa.—The well of J. H. Berry, located in the industrial section is now giving up 60 gravity gasoline. Negro tenants have been pumping the product from the well for two weeks and emptying it into the sewer, thinking someone had spilled kerosene into the well. Officials of a local oil company here were called and pronounced it gasoline. They could offer no plausible explanation for the sudden supply of gasoline.

### Barnett To Spend Vacation in West.

Muskogee.—Jackson Barnett, millionaire Creek Indian, 73 years old, who was married several months ago to Mrs. Anna Laura Lowe, a Kansas City woman about half his age, was granted permission to spend a month in the mountains of Colorado for his health. Superintendent Parker of the

## PITTSBURG COUNTY FREE FAIR SEPT. 14 TO 18.

### THE COUNTY FAIR.

Oh, let us see the county fair—  
(Forget the cost of living!)—  
Everybody will be there  
To see the show they're giving  
The beef-steers broad, the corn-stalks tall,  
The windmills humming gaily;  
The meek-eyed Jersey in the stall,  
The races pulled off daily.

We'll go and see the fruits and grain  
That farmers take a pride in,  
And maybe find an aeroplane  
That we can take a ride in.

We want to see the bread and cakes  
And what the high school teaches;  
Examining all the plows and rakes,  
And note the blushing peaches.

To see the fair in days of yore  
Was not an easy matter;  
We had to rise at three or four,  
And all was rush and clatter;

We'd feed and water Dinger and Dong  
And hitch them to the surrey,  
But now—"it rambles right along"  
And gets there in a hurry.

Five Civilized Tribes allowed Barnett \$1,000 for the trip. Barnett, Mrs. Barnett and her young daughter will make the trip by motor car.

### McAlester Schools Boost Manual Arts.

McAlester.—From this year on the aim of the McAlester school system will be to stress vocational subjects so that a direct and visible benefit can be gained by the pupil in his work after graduation, says W. G. Masterson, superintendent of city schools. For this reason, the manual training, domestic science and art and commercial departments in the new high school have received special attention.

### Big Jobbers Mill Burns.

Oklahoma City.—Fire of unknown origin gutted the warehouse of the Russell Jobbers Mills company causing \$75,000 damage to that plant, partially destroying a freight car on a nearby siding, and constantly for more than an hour threatened to spread. The building, a four story structure walled with sheet iron and mostly full of barrels of vinegar and sacks of peanuts, was spouting flame from every crack and crevice by the time the first fire companies arrived. In addition to its use as a warehouse.

### Long Divorced Couple Remarried.

Miami.—Scott W. McCollum, 55 years old of Ottawa, and Emma Jane McCollum, 48 years old, of Joplin, Mo. were remarried here by Justice A. J. Lampkin, after being divorced for thirty years. This is the third couple that Judge Lampkin has remarried in the last three months.

### Indians Have Big Dance At Watonga.

Watonga.—Cheyenne and Arapahoe Indians celebrated their Buffalo dance, two and a half miles south of Watonga, on the H. S. Lookabaugh pasture. Kiowa, Comanches and Poncas also are encamped on the pasture.

### Kingfisher Farmers Organize.

Kingfisher.—Farmers of Kingfisher at a meeting in the court house recently perfected a farmer's wheat growing association. The organization will be used by the farmers to help them get higher prices.

### Granary Made In Kingfisher Office.

Kingfisher.—A. E. Bracken has found it more profitable to turn his large office building into a wheat granary. An office room back of a drug store is being filled with wheat.

### To Control Weevils.

Clean grain bins carefully before putting grain into them, to control grain-weevils.

### Provide Plenty of Water.

Provide plenty of water for your stock and the birds.

## BIG ROUND-UP FOR DURANT

Huge Premiums Offered and Many Cattle Bought for Contests.

Durant.—With the exception of exhibits, a celebration planned to be bigger and better than any county fair ever held in the southwest, will be held at Durant at the fair grounds September 1 to 4.

The Bryan county fair association will not hold a fair this year so the Durant Round-up and race meet will be held in its place. More than \$3,000.00 in premiums for running horse races and more than \$6,000.00 in the riding, roping and bull dogging contests will be offered.

One hundred and twenty-five wild Brahma cattle have been purchased for the roping and bull dogging contests and eighty-six cowboys and cowgirls have made entry for these events.

## FT. SILL SOLDIERS GET "Y"

Men Now Get Recreation Place At Lawton.

Lawton.—Oh boy! ain't it a grand and glorious feeling! A big rest room where you can go when you just want to loaf around town, some place to take your girl besides the court house lawn, pool tables, shower baths, a gymnasium, all the latest magazines, a piano and a Victrola. And it don't cost a cent to enjoy it. Gee!

This was the unanimous sentiment of the several hundred soldiers from Fort Sill who attended the opening of the new army Y. M. C. A. here last week. This army "Y" under the direction of W. W. Wilcox and an under secretary will be run without expense to either town or Fort Sill and will be open every day from 7 a. m. until 11 p. m. On special occasions it will be open longer.

## POSTMASTERS APPOINTED

Civil Service Examinations To Be Held In Six State Towns.

Washington.—Civil service examinations for fourth class postmasters will be held September 9 to fill vacancies in the following towns, the civil service commission announced: Cooperation, Indianapolis, Stanley, Summerfield, Tamaha and Watova.

The postoffice department announced appointment of the following fourth-class postmasters in Oklahoma: Francis Davis, Lockridge, succeeding Anna Ament, and John A. Vaughan, Nashoba, succeeding Sarah E. Addington. Both retiring postmasters resigned.

## BROOM CORN HARVEST ON

Garvin County Farmers Storing Crop for Better Prices.

Pauls Valley.—Last week marks the first of the season's broom corn, gathered, threshed, baled and hauled to the market. All corn so far has been stored, as there has been no market. There have been a few scattering offerings of \$250 a ton but farmers say it will take \$400 to get the corn. There is only 30 per cent of last year's acreage planted.

## OSAGE OFFICERS GET RAISE

County Has Increase In Population Since 1910.

Pawhuska.—Because of increase in population of Osage county since 1910 salaries of county officers will be raised. This advance will take effect with the beginning of new terms, and makes a revision of the county estimate necessary before the excise board can fix the tax levy for the coming year.

## CITY WILL SELL STREETS

Purcell Finds Low District Better For Farm Than Public Use.

Purcell.—Purcell will sell some of its streets and alleys in the southwest part of the city, using the money for city purposes. Quite a bit of low land unsuited for the city can be used for agricultural purposes when streets and alleys are closed it is said.