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HOW PENSIONS GRANTED MOTHERS HELP SOLVE CHILD-LABOR PROBLEMS

The last lingering argument against child labor laws and their strict enforcement is being answered in a very practical way thru the establishment of mothers' pensions, says the National Child Labor Committee in a statement showing the growing popularity of this form of relief. In 1913 the first mothers' pension law to go into Statewide effect went into operation in Illinois. To-day thirty-three States of the union have mothers' pensions laws.

The primary object of these laws, says the committee, is to maintain the home for the sake of society and of the children. Thru the death of the husband and father, or his incapacitation by illness, or his desertion, the self-support of the family falls upon the mother and children. If the children are put in an institution, or if the mother goes out to work and leave the children at home uncared for, or if she stays at home with the children and starves with them, the home life is weakened and wrecked. School authorities say that when children stay away from school and the truant officer looks them up, it is almost always found that they lack home care, and usually it is because the mother must go out to work.

It is sometimes asserted that a hardship is imposed by child labor laws on families in which the wages of the children are needed for the family support. Many such laws provide exemptions on the ground of poverty. But if the children join the ranks of child labor they are subjected to all its physical and moral dangers and are deprived of the education which in a democracy is supposed to be the right of every boy and girl. Mothers' pensions are a practical way of meeting the situation, as they prevent the home from being broken up for reasons of poverty, except where the mother is inefficient or unworthy, and they enable the children to go to school. They also make life easier for officials entrusted with the enforcement of child labor and compulsory education laws, as these officials sometimes do not have the heart to refuse working papers to children whose families they know to be in difficult circumstances.

Mothers' pensions take the form of straight grants to deserving dependent mothers, but their basis is not charity. Their justification is like that of social insurance, as they represent a conception of the State as having a duty toward its citizens. The word "pension" is not always used in the statutes, the word "compensation" being substituted because it better describes the real purpose and spirit of this kind of legislation. In New Jersey the act is called "An act to promote home life for dependent children."

OLDEST CITIZEN.

J. J. C. Bondurant at Rest. Was 89 Years Old.

John J. Crittenden Bondurant was born at Dresden, Tenn., June 1, 1830. His father, Albert G. Bondurant, died when he was six years old, leaving his mother, Jackey M. Bondurant, with the care of the family. His mother afterwards re-married and John J. C. left home to make his own way and began teaching school when seventeen years of age.

When the Civil War began he became a Confederate soldier under the command of Gen. Forrest and was severely wounded in the battle of Harrisburg, Miss. At the close of the war, in 1866, he came to Hickman, Ky., and was one of the few early settlers when the town was still called Mill's Point. He was employed by S. L. Drewery in the mercantile and commission business for a number of years before going into business for himself.

On November 23, 1871, he was married to Miss Jane Savage Hancock, who shared his joys and sorrows until Sept. 30, 1878, when she passed "Over the River" leaving her husband to trudge on alone with a little one only nine months old, Mary B. Ligon, until another good woman, Miss Katherine Virginia Tams, consented to journey with him, and they were joined in marriage on Nov. 30, 1881. After nine years she, too, grew weary and lay down to rest on Jan. 6, leaving James Lee but two weeks old to his father's care.

With children and a multitude of business cares that seemed almost too heavy for one man, he, like a good soldier, marched bravely but sadly on after his companion and comrade had fallen. For twenty-nine years longer he marched on with almost unbelievable strength and firmness of step, but at last his strength failed and he too, said, "I'm so tired I want rest," and as the evening and the night came down he fell asleep. On Sunday evening at 4:15 o'clock, surrounded with beautiful banks of flowers, and a multitude of friends, sweet songs were sung, the scriptures were read and prayers were offered, and his body was laid to rest beside those whom he had "Loved long since, and lost awhile."

The deceased leaves six sons—Chester, Crit, Jas., Lee, Ben and Bert, all of Hickman—and four daughters—Mrs. Mary Ligon, Hickman, Mrs. Lucile Cunningham, Union City; Misses Victoria and Nelle Bondurant, Hickman.

J. J. C. Bondurant was one of the familiar figures of Hickman. His business career was one of the most extensive in this part of the State. As a charter member of the Farmers & Merchants Bank he also served as its president for many years, until his resignation a little more than a year ago, and continued on the board of directors until his death. The keenness of his mind and activity in business circles was remarkable until the very last.

The devotion of his children and grandchildren was most beautiful. Soon after coming to Hickman he became a member of the Christian Church and loved it to the last.

On January 31, 1919, at 11:25, Fulton County lost its oldest and one of its most useful citizens.—Hickman Courier.

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THE GRIM REAPER CALLS AND TAKES OUR FRIENDS

Funeral of W. D. Walker.

The remains of W. D. Walker reached here last Friday evening from New York City. They were shipped from San Diego, Cuba. Mr. Walker died there Jan. 16 of pneumonia. He was in the Quartermaster's Department of the U. S. Army. The body was taken to the undertaker's and on Saturday removed to the residence of the parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Walker. On Sunday afternoon at the Cumberland Presbyterian Church services were conducted in the presence of a large congregation of sorrowing friends, Rev. W. B. Cunningham delivering an eulogy to the Christian character and splendid manhood of the deceased.

W. D. Walker was born and reared in Union City. He was educated in the City Schools. Early in life he exhibited the true spirit of wisdom and discretion, laying aside the allurements that lead to moral decay and business failure. He began in earnest to achieve in business pursuits, always observing the standards of honesty and integrity, and was rapidly ascending the ladder of success when he was called to the defense of his country in arms. He was for a few years employed with W. G. Claggett Co., afterwards entering the field of salesmanship for the Union City Manufacturing Co. Here he developed elements of strength in resourcefulness as well as of ability to meet the trade, and was enlarging the field of endeavors both for himself and for his employers. His success was even pronounced, and for this he was rewarded with commissions after he had vacated to go to war. W. D. Walker was a young man of fine character and personality and he was universally esteemed. He was a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and in his church relations was active and useful in the work of God. The tribute paid to his memory by the general outpouring of the people of Union City and of eulogy to the deceased was indeed a comfort and consolation to the surviving family and relatives.

The remains were taken to East View with an escort of returned soldiers, two squads in uniform marching to the cemetery. There taps were sounded and the body lowered to its last resting place, to await the reward of the just. "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

Mrs. Lucy Walton.

A large number of friends of Mrs. Lucy Head Walton gathered Saturday at Smith & Tuthill's chapel to pay the last tribute of love and respect to a good woman. The gray casket was covered and surrounded with floral pieces, tokens of love from many friends.

Mrs. Chas. Johnson beautifully sang "Face to Face," and after selections of scriptural passages read by Rev. Lloyd Darsie, of the First Christian Church, sang "The Homeland" very feelingly.

Rev. Darsie spoke most comforting words and read scriptural quotations of rest and peace from suffering such as hers, making a beautiful talk to the living.

The pall bearers were her nephews, H. C. Head, A. Mott and Clare Head, and James Pumphrey.

A large concourse of friends followed the remains to their last resting place in Fairhaven Cemetery beside her life-long friends and her father.

Mrs. Walton was born in 1843 in Troy, Tenn. Her husband, E. S. Walton, served for four years in the Confederate army during the Civil War. The above is a clipping from the Santa Ana (Cal.) Register.

Mrs. Walton was the daughter of the Dr. Horace Head, pioneer citizen of Obion County and resident of the vicinity of Pleasant Hill. When a girl she was married to E. S. Walton, who was for many years a leading merchant of Troy. He was by trade a tailor and then branched into the mercantile business. Mr. Walton was also a member of the Obion Avanche in the Confederacy. Returning from the war he and Miss Lucy Head were united in marriage, and Mr. Walton succeeded in business and he and Mrs. Walton were esteemed by a host of good, kind friends. They had no children, but an adopted daughter, whom they loved with every natural affection of filial devotion. Mr. Walton's death occur-

red some fifteen years ago, and Mrs. Walton until a few years ago continued to reside at Troy. Then she went home with her brother, Dr. Henry Head, to Santa Ana. For some years her health had been failing, and the end came in the home of Dr. Head.

Mrs. Walton was a member of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. She was a woman of exceptionally attractive social gifts and graces, but more particularly esteemed by those who were her nearest neighbors, who counted her friendship of the highest value.

To many of the older residents her death brings personal sorrow, and the kindest expressions of sympathy are extended to the family of brother at Santa Ana.

Fatherless Children.

The American soldiers in France have adopted 3,444 French orphans in addition to buying Liberty Bonds, Thrift Stamps and War Insurance. These soldiers are also educating French orphans.

William L. Wade, the fifteen-year-old son of Mr. Lee Wade, of Number Seven, has adopted little Jeannie Turpin, a girl of eleven years. William paid the \$36.50 at the time of adoption.

Mrs. A. L. Brevard, chairman of the Fatherless Children of France Society of this county, has the picture of twin girls about four years old. We are so anxious for some one to adopt these dear little French orphans.

MRS. ELLIS JACKSON,
Chairman of Press Work.

Card of Thanks.

We are deeply sensible of the tribute of love and respect to the memory of our beloved son and brother paid by the people of Union City and at the same time profoundly grateful to God that he had such friends. We tender our heartfelt thanks to each and everyone and may God bless and be with you.—W. M. Walker and Family.

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