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Down With the Enemies.

Mr. Samuel Gompers, as President of the American Federation of Labor, is urging the members of the Unions everywhere to vote against the enemies of organized labor in the next election. We do not blame Mr. Gompers, but intelligent laborers, if they are wise, will go further than that. Good citizens everywhere should do more than vote against the enemies of labor. The truth is we do not need enemies of any particular class in official positions of responsibility in the State or National Government. Enemies of capital are no more to be desired than enemies of labor, even by labor itself.

If this country is to steer clear of the dangerous shoals upon which Russia and Germany and other European nations are about to be torn to pieces, this country must have pilots who are neither the enemies of labor nor capital. These enemies in our legislative halls have caused all of the trouble so far, and if we are to have stormy times in the future these same enemies will be responsible for them.

What we need are men who are big enough and broad enough to see both sides of great issues, men who will honestly strive to serve the best interest of all the people, not men who are the tools of any particular class of our citizenship. Class legislation is the greatest foe of genuine progress. It is wrong in principle and cannot stand.

The saner, less radical element of labor is coming to recognize this. The great danger ahead of organized workers in this country at present is not the danger of being defeated by their supposed enemies but of being destroyed by their supposed friends. The labor union has more to fear from radicals within its own ranks than from the ultra-conservatives in the ranks of capital. Those who would use the power of organized labor wherever possible to oppress other people, those who would, if they could, set up a class autocracy—these are the men from whom labor has most to fear. For eventually, if they are permitted to have their way, these men will bring down upon the heads of organized workers everywhere the burning wrath of the American people.

Men who are members of labor unions should remember that a first of all they are American citizens. That a great majority of them will so consider, we have not the slightest doubt. Their first object in voting should be to cast their ballot for men who stand for the best in American citizenship. No man who does this is the enemy of labor. But there are many men protesting to be the friends of labor who would destroy this Republic if they should have their way with the government for four years.

Certainly Mr. Gompers is within his rights when he advises labor to vote for its friends. But the choice of friends is the important thing. When they come to make selection laborers should be very careful lest they line up for "friends" who in the long run will lead them to destruction.—Winston-Salem Journal.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN AUTOMOBILES OR TRUCKS, write or call on F. M. Richards, Jr. Banners Elk, N. C. Mr. Richards is representative for DODGE BROS. automobiles and trucks for Watauga county, and will be glad to give you all the information you might want regarding this line. The advertisement for Watauga county is very small and you will do well to place your orders NOW for future delivery. The DODGE is too well known further

The County Agent.

Extension Farm News, published by the Extension Service of the Agricultural Department, gives a practical instance of the value of the farm agent and one which should have serious consideration by all county authorities to the end that they may come into a better appreciation of what employment of this agency means to the development of the agricultural interests of a county. It is the story of Mr. C. C. Proffitt, who went to Rutherford as County Agent, in July 1916, when he opened his work in the Watkins community. There he found a one-room schoolhouse, with no signs of paint. After calling a meeting of the farmers, and questioning them, he found that they were not growing any clovers or alfalfa. They knew nothing about the use of lime and admitted that four inches was about the average depth of plowing. Pruning and spraying were not practiced in the home orchards, they knew nothing about silos and seemed to care little about improved livestock. The only organization that this community had at that time was a local Farmer's Union, which was attended by men only, and very few of them.

Today Watkins has a big live Community Club, which meets once a month. Through this club, men, women, boys and girls come together and discuss problems of the farm and home. They have a nice two-room school house, painted, with an open pavillion nearby, which is used by the canning club. Most every farmer in the community is using some lime and growing some clover or alfalfa. Two silos are now being used, and one of the best Jersey bulls in the south is owned co-operatively by members of the club. The club voted to standardize the hogs by all breeding Durocs. Purebred farm flocks are now seen on most of the farms, and farmers are plowing from six to 10 inches deep. A permanent Community Fair Association has been organized in connection with the club and a high class community fair is conducted each Fall. In this community prosperity and contentment are co-operating to push mortgages off of the farms and keep the boys and girls on.

In consideration of the work they do and the results they secure, the county agents, at the salaries they are paid, are proving themselves the best investment a county can make, for the things Agent Proffitt has accomplished in all other counties where the Farm Agent is employed. It has become a recognized fact that employment of the Farm Agent is token of the progressive country.

Democratic County Convention Call.

A convention of the Democrats of Watauga County is called to meet in Boone on Monday, April 5, 1920, at 1 o'clock p. m. Each township is entitled to one delegate and alternate for every 25 Democratic votes cast at the last general election for the Democratic candidate for Governor. The chairmen of the various township committees are hereby notified to hold conventions in their respective townships on Saturday April 3rd, 1920, and elect delegates to the county convention.

The object of this convention is to elect delegates to the State convention to be held on the 9th day of April, 1920, and transact any other business that may come before the convention. This the 24th day of March, 1920.

H. P. PERRY,

Chairman-Dem. Ex. Committee.

Opposing Cream Receiving Station in Watauga County.

MR. EDITOR: My attention has been directed to an article published in last week's issue of The Democrat, stating that a Cream Gathering Station would be established in Boone.

Having had considerable experience in the creamery business, as well as cheese making, I wish to strongly advise the farmers of Watauga county to stick to the cheese business and develop it as it can and should be. It occurs to me that, at this time, to switch over to selling cream, which would mean the purchasing expensive cream separators and encouraging the use of high testing cows, such as Jerseys, would be the height of foolishness.

However, if the time should ever arrive when a market for sweet cream presented itself whereby the farmer could realize more money from his milk in the shape of cream than could be received for whole milk at the cheese factories, it would then be proper to install a large separator in each cheese factory which would separate either whole milk or whey, and let the Farmers deliver the milk at the cheese factory as usual, where it would be separated and the cream sold to whatever market proved most satisfactory. This would mean that the farmer would sell his cream on the butter-fat test as tested by the cheese factory operator. It would also allow the cheese factory to separate the whey in the event cheesemaking proved more profitable than selling cream.

Therefore in conclusion I am opposed to the Cream Station idea because:

1. It allows a chance of fraud to be practiced by reading the butter-fat test incorrectly.
2. In the cheese-making states it has proven that creameries cannot compete with cheese factories.
3. It means that farmers would have to invest about \$70. to \$150. in cream separators, and some times creameries are promoted for the purpose of selling separators.
4. And, finally, because the United States Department of Agriculture does not approve of the cream gathering station.

F. R. FARNHAM.

The Luckless White-Collar Man.

"We have a great government," in the opinion of Charity and Children, "but we must confess that while it can do many things for us, it cannot reduce the high cost of living. After all, the best and only way to lower the price of living is for the people to produce more and buy less."

True words. But after all is said and done, who is pinched by the high cost of living? The laborers? They are buying automobiles and silk shirts. The employers? Their chief aim in life at present seems to be to hold down their excess profits taxes to as low a figure as possible. The farmers? The suggestion is a joke.

Nobody is really being seriously hurt except brain workers. Office workers, teachers, preachers, professional men, more particularly those on a salary basis—these are the fellows who are being wiped out. But they constitute a small minority of the population, and this country is supposed to be governed by majority rule. Almost the first time in American history brain weighs more in the labor market than brains.

Such a condition cannot last. Already the teaching profession in this country is short 140,000 men and women, and the vacancies increase. If the process continued indefinitely, the intellectual workers would presently all be forced into other lines and the country would suffer a moral and mental catastrophe worse than a dozen. But it cannot proceed beyond a certain point. Presently the lack of brain-workers will begin to force salaries higher, and the balance will be slowly, but surely, established.

A certain number of lean years are probably before the white-collar man, but eventually he will come to his own, for, after all, he is possessed of a thing that the country cannot do without.—The Greensboro Daily News.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Having qualified as administratrix of the estate of T. E. Moretz, deceased, all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present them to the undersigned on or before the 10th day of March, 1921, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please come forward and make immediate settlement. This the 10th day of March, 1920.

EPSY MORETZ,
Administratrix of T. E. Moretz,
deceased. 3-10-20.

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