

PEGS SHOES AND DISCUSSES STATE MATTERS AT SAME TIME

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is of the opinion that keen business men prefer to locate in a state where such questions have been settled than to locate in states where such questions are going to be continuously agitated until they are settled that way.

One thought uppermost in the mind of a North Carolinian while talking with Mr. Gerald was that in the Old North State the workers go right on and voting for and electing young lawyers, old lawyers, corporation lawyers, manufacturers,

stock holders in manufacturing plants, putty men and pretty men, to the legislature, instead of having working men like Mr. Gerald in the law-making body.

Again a North Carolinian says: "Thank God for South Carolina!" But it isn't said in the same manner that this phrase was used years ago. It is said because the common folks of South Carolina are pointing out to the common folks of North Carolina how we, in this state, can secure some legislation for the men and women and children who do the work of the state.

GLAD TO SEE M'ADOO FALL IN THIS RACE

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the railroad men. As things look now, some reactionary equally as extreme in his views as President Coolidge, will be named by the democrats. Big business is seeing to it that it matters not one whit which party wins next November, big business will be safe, sound and secure.

There are two ways the farmers and the workers can defeat the present plans of Big Business. That aggregation is playing safely in the back yard of both old parties. If Coolidge and Underwood can be nominated by their respective parties, it is a toss-up with Big Business, which party is successful.

In the event these two men are chosen as standard bearers for the two parties, then the common folks can put out a real third party ticket—and win. Or they can just forget the presidency, center their efforts on Senators and Congressmen, and place a sufficient number of men in the law-making bodies to enact any legislation the people may want over the veto of the president.

It is being freely talked among the workers and farmers that in the event both old parties nominate reactionaries for the presidency, then the workers and farmers will simply ignore the presidential ticket altogether, will not vote for either of the candidates for president, and center their efforts on state legislatures and on the United States Congress.

This plan would provide means

for retaliation that would prove embarrassing to party leaders in both camps. With even fifty per cent of the farmers and wage-earners refusing to vote for either the republican or democratic candidate for president, the popular vote cast for that office would be so low that whoever received the laurels would wear them with much misgiving.

Big Business and professional politicians would do well to consider carefully the way they conduct this presidential campaign. The farmers and the workers are wide-awake, and never again will they be used as catspaws, fooled nor bumfuzzled in any political campaign by the machinations of shrewd politicians.

HOOVER EMPHATIC FOR LABOR UNION

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suspension wore off it has averaged about \$2.30. Yet during a period of 14 months during and following the strike, the average price was nearly \$4.00. If we apply the increase to the amount of coal produced or sold during the period of 14 months mentioned above, even making a large deduction for the cheaper coal, it is certain that the public paid three or four hundred million dollars additional for coal due to the suspension.

This burden fell heaviest upon the householder for the industrial consumers are better protected by stocks and contracts. It fell heavy upon the unemployed workers. This instability ruins many operators in the end for in the periods of glut between these families much coal is produced at a loss because high-cost mines hang on in the hope of some

future disturbance. The disturbance of law and order and the interruptions in commerce and business are other high charges upon the community.

The continuous demand of the public for regulation of the industry and of employment relation by law is a by-product of this bad functioning of the industry. It is far better for the industry to cure its own ills than for the government to accept it.

An opportunity now lies before the soft coal industry not only to protect the public interest but by the maintenance of continuous production and the building up of mutual responsibility between the employers and employes to recreate that stability in the soft coal industry that has been so sadly lost in the last ten years.

For all these reasons I have no hesitation in advising that your association attend the conference, and make every endeavor to set up a wage contract fair to both sides.

Yours faithfully, HERBERT HOOVER.

FRANK MORRISON PRAISES WILSON

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the conditions of labor are not rendered more onerous by the war, but also that we shall see to it that the instrumentalities by which the conditions of labor are improved are not blocked or checked. That we must do.

"Only out of the future can come a proper estimate of the life work of Woodrow Wilson, but I am confident that his efforts for human freedom will be increasingly appreciated, as time goes on. The funeral of Mr. Wilson took place at 8 o'clock in the afternoon. It was a private funeral. No representatives of organizations went from the house. The funeral was held in the Bethlehem Chapel of the Episcopal Cathedral, St. Albans, which is a small chapel and therefore could accommodate but few. The American Federation of Labor was represented by eight members: Samuel Gompers, Frank Morrison, James Duncan, Matthew Woll, John Donlin, Paul A. Stephens, B. M. Jewell and A. J. Berres.

Yours fraternally, FRANK MORRISON, Secretary, American Federation of Labor.

THE BOYS ARE TO ASSEMBLE SUNDAY NOON

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centering organization efforts among the big industrial centers of the east and the north and the middle west, so long as this vast territory in the south was left unprotected and unorganized. That so long as these conditions prevailed, that long would there be hundreds and thousands of southern workers ready to flock to those big centers and tear down the organizations there just as often as battles occurred.

Another feature that was presented was the fact that the low wages and long hours in the southern textile industry always gave the employers of other sections the whip hand in a battle with the workers of those sections. Those employers always point to the South, and say:

"Just look at the South. We pay you much more than the workers there are paid, and you do not have to work nearly so many hours here as they labor in the South."

Then, too, as the textile industry is the South's biggest industry, it stands to economic reason and logic that the wages and working conditions prevailing in the biggest industry have a direct bearing upon the wages and working conditions of all other crafts and trades—hence the intense interest other organizations are taking in organizing the textile workers.

The textile worker is the key to the whole solution. The meeting Sunday will determine where the organizers shall be

stationed, what towns will be assisted, etc. It is expected a large crowd will attend the meeting of the committee.

The Central Labor Union hall is located at 209 1-2 West Fourth Street.

FAIL TO SEE REAL VALUE

As the greatest and most significant trademark in the world, the Union Label is deserving of a greater sustained interest in the minds of workmen than it has ever yet received, said J. W. Hays, secretary-treasurer of the International Typographical Union, in a recent statement.

"Far too many trade unionists lack the patience to see the intrinsic value of the label in the struggle to further establish the labor movement as a vital social unit," said Mr. Hays. "Winning of disputes through organized strength is not the only object of unionism. We must strive towards the time when unionism will be universally recognized as a sound instrument for the betterment of social conditions affecting everyone."

"The 'open shop' has no label, but it is his strategy in many cases to strike at unionism through the buyer rather than by working directly on the employer. In the printing trade, practically all employers, who operate plants of important size, want to run union shops. They have found it far more satisfactory to employ union men at fair wages under good working conditions than to worry along with low grade and unskilled printers. The employers know the advantages gained by employing skilled men who live up to an ethical standard which protects the employer against time-wasting, sabotage and material waste.

"Now the 'open shopper' recognizes the futility of citing spacious economy measures to an experienced employer, so he devotes his efforts to creating hatred of unionism among bankers, capitalists and others who buy printing. He tries to persuade such men to adopt a policy of turning business away from union shops.

"It is perfectly obvious that to combat that sort of fighting, conscientious unionists must give thought and effort to that mighty weapon, the Union Label."

"PAP" RETIRED ENGINE STOPS

Gadsden, Ala., Feb. 13.—Was it sentiment—grief over the resignation of its old master—that caused Engine No. 170, on the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railroad, to crack and crumble under the hand of a young and new master here the other day? That was the opinion of "Pap" Jolly, who for 31 years was the only hand which "170" knew and obeyed.

"Pap" Jolly, after 51 years with the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railway Company, retired the other day on a pension. He had driven "170" for 31 years, and a tear or two could be detected in his eye as he rubbed his hand over the smooth surface of the old engine and departed for his home and retirement.

The next day "170" left Gadsden under a new master, Sol Lane. Lane is considered a good driver, and all that, but old "170" never made the trip back under her own steam, but, broken and spent, was towed in the following night. Old "170" now has been sent back to the shops. She may be restored to service through several major operations or she may be relegated to the scrap heap.

Most people hold that the old engine was worn and spent from old age. But those who have learned the ways of locomotives and who have watched "Pap" Jolly, as he pampered old "170" and catered to her every whim, thought differently. "Pap" bowed his head in silence as he learned the fate of his old engine, and side partner for 31 years.

PEOPLE ARE WARNED OF DEADLY GAS FUMES

Washington, Feb. 13.—Warning as to the deadly hazards of gas in unventilated rooms and garages is again sounded by the federal bureau of mines.

Many houses have no flues for carrying off waste gases, which remain in the house. If a gas heater without a flue is used, a window should be open at least one-inch all the time. The bureau warns people that they are " flirting with death" if they go to bed with a heater burning and the windows and doors closed.

Another deadly hazard is carbon monoxide from automobiles in closed garages. The department pleads that these garages be ventilated, and that one should never crawl under a car when the engine is running, no matter how good the ventilation is. Another hazard is operating a tightly-closed automobile on a highway or elsewhere. Provision should be made for some fresh air entering the tonneau, the statement says.

URGE STATE INSURANCE

Baltimore, Feb. 13.—A bill providing for state monopoly of workmen's compensation has been introduced in the state legislature. Trade unionists are supporting the plan.

Utilities and the Community

The condition of the utilities of any community is an absolutely positive index to the character and the condition of the community. One never finds a bankrupt utility company, with broken down properties, and giving inadequate and undependable service, in a live up-to-date, progressive and growing city. Conversely, one never finds a wide-awake, rapidly developing, prosperous and progressive city with inadequate utilities giving undependable and uncertain service.

The utilities of a growing community must anticipate the growth of that community, else there will be periods when the service is inadequate and unreliable. It has been our purpose at all times in Charlotte to anticipate and provide for the needs of the new industries, the new stores, and the new people who have formed a steady stream into the city.

We are proud of and gratified at the part we have been able to play in the progress and development of the community. We do not hesitate to attribute to the people whom we serve a large measure of credit for such part as we have played in the building of this city, because the attitude of those served very largely determines the character of service they receive. No utility organization can render its best service to a hostile, or even unfriendly, non-co-operating public. Such a standard of service as we have endeavored to maintain in Charlotte is our several departments — Street Railway, Electric Light, Power and Gas — can be maintained only through the co-operation and friendliness of the people served. We have enjoyed this co-operation and friendliness to a most gratifying degree and we are deeply appreciative of the attitude of the people of our community.

Every individual in our organization has a high ideal of service to the public, and we pledge our most earnest efforts toward the maintenance of such a standard of service in all departments as will promote the continued growth of the city of Charlotte, and the prosperity and happiness of those whom we have the privilege of serving.

Southern Public Utilities Company

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