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BIBLICAL THOUGHT

8. If thou seekest the oppression of the poor, and violent perverting of judgment and justice in a province, marvel not at the matter: for he that is higher than the highest regardeth; and there be higher than they. * * * 9. Moreover, the profit of the earth is for all: the King himself is served from the field.—Ecclesiastes 5:8-9.

WHO'S LEFT?

The National Manufacturers' Association, the Chamber of Commerce, the American Liberty League and big business in general have all declared war on President Roosevelt. They are out to defeat him. War has also been declared on all progressive reforms and on labor unions.

One wonders who will be left to vote for the President when election time rolls around. Oh, yes, there are the common people, labor, the farmer and the small business man. Strange we didn't think of them before, for there must be several of 'em throughout the country. After all, Mr. Roosevelt may get a few votes in view of the fact that he has been the most progressive President the country has ever had.

The Journal is glad to report that it is adding a few new subscribers weekly. Last week we put on twenty new names.

A Raleigh correspondent says Senator Bailey is for Dr. McDonald for governor. What is this bird trying to do—kill McDonald?

The American "Liberty" League terms the Townsend old-age pension plan "downright lunacy." Score one for the Townsend plan. It must be good.

They are talking of a "hunger march" on Washington in the spring. Nothing was ever accomplished by such demonstrations, and if relief is to come it will come through the proper channels in scheduled order.

Dr. Ralph W. McDonald, candidate for governor, called Hon. Clyde Hoey's speech in Charlotte last week "the voice of the Ehringhaus-Gardner regime!" In fact he doesn't think he thought much of it, and why shouldn't he?

The Ellenbogen bill is certainly a thorn in the flesh to some textile magnates. They want all the good (for them) in the old NRA but this little NRA measure is not digestible because the worker is given consideration.

Hats are commencing to adorn the political ring, and they are of various shapes, sizes, and styles. Platforms of numerous hues and colors are behind them, and many men are willing to sacrifice themselves for the "dear public."

Charlotte Labor should be proud of the women workers in its ranks. The Typographical Auxiliary and the Women's Union Label League are both composed of fine women, who are doing their part. And that reminds us that they both meet tonight—Thursday.

Now is a good time for Labor to keep its ear to the ground for political rumblings; to remember acts by those seeking suffrage in the past, and to pay little attention to promises including everything, even to giving them the bag of gold at the end of the rainbow.

Remember the dates of your Union meetings and let nothing interfere with your attendance, for your organization can be no greater than the interest the membership takes in it. Quit passing the buck to George, and come out and help George do it. He is only one man.

The union printers of Charlotte are planning a "get together" rally and "love feast" in the near future, at which time all the typos and their families will gather and "smoke the pipe of peace" and lay down the olive branch, so to speak. The Typographical boys are planning a big time, and they never do things by halves.

Press reports tell us that the A. F. of L. executive council meeting at Miami was not a financial success for some of our brothers. They wandered to the race track at recess periods, but were not good "guessers," and got separated from their daily expense account—and then some. We know how to sympathize with the gentlemen when they had to take to the wires.

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AN IMPORTANT OMISSION

Dr. T. C. Murchison, president of the Cotton Textile Institute, told the House of Representatives Labor Committee, which is holding hearings on the Ellenbogen Bill to regulate labor conditions in the textile industry, that the measure was unnecessary because a large majority of textile manufacturers had promised to observe a voluntary agreement to abide by the labor standards set up in the old NRA code.

He said the agreement would provide for a 40-hour week, a minimum wage of 30 cents an hour for the South and 32½ cents in the North, elimination of child labor and restriction of machine operation to the 80-hour week.

Dr. Murchison overlooked one very essential provision of the NRA textile code, clearly defining the rights of the workers and protecting these rights from infringement on the part of employers, which the manufacturers under his sponsorship have not included in their voluntary pact. It is the famous Section 7 of the National Industrial Recovery Act, which stipulated that every code should contain the following conditions:

"1. That employees shall have the right to organize and bargain collectively through representatives of their own choosing, and shall be free from the interference, restraint or coercion of employers of labor, or their agents, in the designation of such representatives or in self-organization or in other concerted activities for the purpose of collective bargaining or other mutual aid or protection.

"2. That no employe and no one seeking employment shall be required as a condition of employment to join any company union or to refrain from joining, organizing, or assisting a labor organization of his own choosing."

Dr. Murchison should realize by this time that any pact on labor conditions made by employers which does not recognize the right of working men and women to organize in genuine trade unions and negotiate collective bargaining agreements through representatives of their own choosing is a shameless thin, utterly out of touch with progressive thought.

The trade union is the only organization through which workers can safeguard decent wages, hours and work conditions from the presentist attacks of subservient employers. This fact is evidently completely overlooked by Dr. Murchison's plan.

CLYDE HOEY OPENS CAMPAIGN

On last Thursday night candidate for Governor, Clyde R. Hoey, of Shelby, set off his political pyrotechnics in a flowing oratorical display. He was against the sales tax—but for it as an emergency measure; he was against liquor but would stand by the majority, and a few other "straddles." But he wound up with love for President Roosevelt, his principles and a burning desire to be governor. He is a good campaigner of the firm of "Gardner, Hoey & Co., Shelby, N. C." They have won many a battle and are worthy deep consideration by any foe. The Journal believes it will take a second running to tell the story between McDonald and Hoey.

NAILS DOWN ANOTHER PLANK

Dr. Ralph McDonald continues to nail down planks to the platform on which he hopes the Democrats will nominate him for Governor. His first plank was opposition to the sales tax and advocacy of higher taxes on business and industry. No. 2 was more money for schools. To that he added a plank calling for a reduction in the cost of automobile license plates. Now he is urging cotton mill employes to organize. "Textile unions are what the Southern mill workers need today and for all time to insure their future safety," he told an audience at Erwin.—Beasley's Weekly.

Bermuda Islands' Landmarks

Throughout the Bermuda Islands are landmarks of historic scenes and people. The islands were discovered shortly before the year 1491 by Juan de Bermudez, but it was not until 1612 that they were colonized as a self-governing colony of the British empire. In 1609, Admiral Sir George Somers and a party of Virginia colonists were wrecked near the site of St. George, eventually continuing their voyage to Jamestown. After Somers returned to Bermuda and died there, the islands were colonized.

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Speed, suspense, and mystery of the story only serve to heighten the romance between these two. They vie for acting honors in this stirring Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer picture.

"The Murder Man" is powerful entertainment. It deals with the exploits of a star reporter, a crime expert who assists the police in solving a sensational murder mystery—with disastrous results to himself.

Lionel Atwill as a police captain, Harvey Stephens as the suspected murderer and Robert Barrat as the newspaper's managing editor contribute outstanding performances, as do James Stewart, William Collier, Sr., Louise Henry, Fuzzy Knight and others of the capable cast.

"The Murder Man" is a new Harry Rapf production for M-G-M, directed by Tim Whelan from a story by Whelan and Guy Bolton. It is recommended without reservation.

Trees Over 400 Feet in Height, Scientists Say

In ages past it is probable that the Douglas fir ranked next in height to the eucalyptus and probably exceeded 400 feet," say scientists connected with the United States Forest Products Laboratory, at Madison, Wis. They found the trees with the greatest diameter in the United States were the General Sherman and General Grant, two sequoias in California, with diameters of 33.3 and 36.7 feet respectively.

In Australia a eucalyptus measured 35.6 feet at the base and was 25.5 in diameter 10 feet above the ground. A famous chestnut tree at the foot of Mount Aetna, in Sicily, measured 60 feet in diameter at the base. A sycamore tree at Buljkers, on the Bosphorus, has a 50-foot base diameter and a great cypress of Santa Malca del Tule, Oaxaca, Mexico, has a ground diameter of 40 feet. The African baobabs run up to 34 feet in diameter.

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