

DEMOCRACY OF THE PEOPLE BY THE PEOPLE

Democracy may be, as Lincoln said, "government of the people, by the people and for the people." Or it may be, as Victor Hugo said, "the climate of civilization." Or it may be, as Woodrow Wilson said, that form of government and social organization that lends "the greatest dignity to the individual."

But democracy certainly is not a mere system or form. It is not something that comes down to us from government. It is something that goes up to government from the people. Recall the first words of the Constitution preamble, "we the people." Democracy is a great principle, but it must be made and kept a living principle. It is never finished. It is a continuous force. Only the people can keep it operating, through the ceaseless vigilance and alertness of the individual citizen.

In Britain we are seeing today a test, a terrific test, of the democratic principle in the lives of a people. The British are saying—and proving—that if London is laid in the dust, if every city of their land is demolished, if their homes are swept away and millions of them must sacrifice their lives, they yet will fight on.

That is democracy at work in one way; that is the spirit of it, the reality of it, which is indestructible.—Kansas City Times.

UNIONISM CAN ONLY LIVE WHERE MEN ARE TRUE

We in America and the working people in particular stand immovably in opposition to totalitarianism and in defense of democracy. We do that for national reasons as well as for economic reasons. We have learned from a study of the situation that trade unionism can only flourish and live where men are free. Freedom is the basis upon which our government rests. Our democratic trade unions cannot live, they cannot exist under the totalitarian form of government, for the record shows that the dictator attacked, first of all, the trade unions when he seized power.—William Green.

LASTING VALUE

The successful resistance of the American Federation of Labor to the introduction of Communist purposes and methods in the labor movement was an outstanding patriotic accomplishment. Its lasting value will be recognized more and more as time passes.—John P. Frey.

GOOD SUGGESTION

An employee called his men together to place before them plans for bettering working conditions.

"Now, whenever I enter the shop," he said, "I want to see every man cheerfully performing his task, and therefore I invite you to place in this box any suggestions as to how that can be brought about."

A few days later he opened the box and took out a slip of paper containing this message: "Take the rubber heels off your shoes."

MAYBE

Margaret: "Is it true it's bad luck to have a black cat following you?"

Mabel: "Depends on whether you are a man or a mouse."

WISE GUY

An Italian who kept a fruit stand was much annoyed by possible customers who made a practice of handling the fruit and pinching it, thereby leaving it softened and often spoiled.

Exasperated beyond endurance, he finally put up a sign which read: "If you must pincha da fruit—pincha da coconut!"

ERROR LOGICAL

Cannibal Soothsayer: "Did you know the chief has hay fever?"

Cannibal Doctor: "Serves him right, we warned him not to eat that grass widow."

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NEW YORK TYPO. UNION (BIG SIX), FOUNDED BY HORACE GREELEY, TO HONOR ITS FIFTY-YEAR MEMBERS

NEW YORK.—New York printers, members of Typographical Union, No. 6, largest printing craft union in the world, are preparing a large-scale celebration to honor their fellow unionists holding continuous membership of 50 years or more.

Of its 9,000 members, the union boasts of more than 300 who are still living and who have served a half century in its ranks. At least 200 of these, together with their wives and nearest of kin, will be honored guests of the organization at a banquet and dance to be held at Manhattan center Sunday afternoon and evening, February 2, the eve of the birthday of Horace Greeley, patron saint of New York printers, who organized Typographical Union No. 6 just 91 years ago and served as its first president.

A reception committee of ex-presidents of the union, including John H. Delaney, chairman of the board of transportation of the City of New York, who headed the printers organization in 1900, will greet the 50-year men. Special medals are being struck off for presentation to the old-timers. This ceremony, and the speeches, will be broadcast over several radio stations.

Charlotte Building Trades Council Gives Loftis O.K.

The Building Trades Council has been advised from Charlotte, N. C., that Loftis Construction Co., low bidder on the quarter million dollar addition to Lyon's View Hospital, were fair with Labor. Conversation between the construction company's manager and E. P. Reiche, business agent-secretary for the Knoxville organization, have been satisfactory with the former announcing "ready to play ball with organized labor" if awarded the job. — Knoxville Labor News, Jan. 30.

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NO CHANCE TAKEN

Liza: "Dat no'count Moses told me last night Ah looked positively ethereal in de moonlight."

Mandy: "Whut do he mean?"

Liza: "Ah dunno, but I done slapped his face so as to be on the safe side."

NO "BULL"

Growled a surly old farmer of Shoreham:

"When people trespass I ignore 'em, But my bull who runs free Has instructions from me To pursue the intruders and gore 'em."

A. F. of L. Meet At Seattle Is Already Being Publicized

The delegates to the sixtieth convention of the American Federation of Labor selected Seattle, Wash., as the city in which the 1941 convention of the Federation will be held. In citing the advantages of Seattle, Delegate James A. Taylor of the Washington State Federation of Labor said: "We invite you to come to our State, and to a city where the building trades have had a 6-hour day and a 5-day week for over six years, and many of our organizations have brought about that short hour day; a city where the movement knows how to cooperate and where every organization in our industry works together and brings about a condition for the entire industry. We ask you to come out and look at the greatest project in the world where 10,500,000 cubic feet of concrete has been placed in the Coulee Dam and where we signed a contract three years ago whereby every organization on that dam has been organized under the American Federation of Labor."

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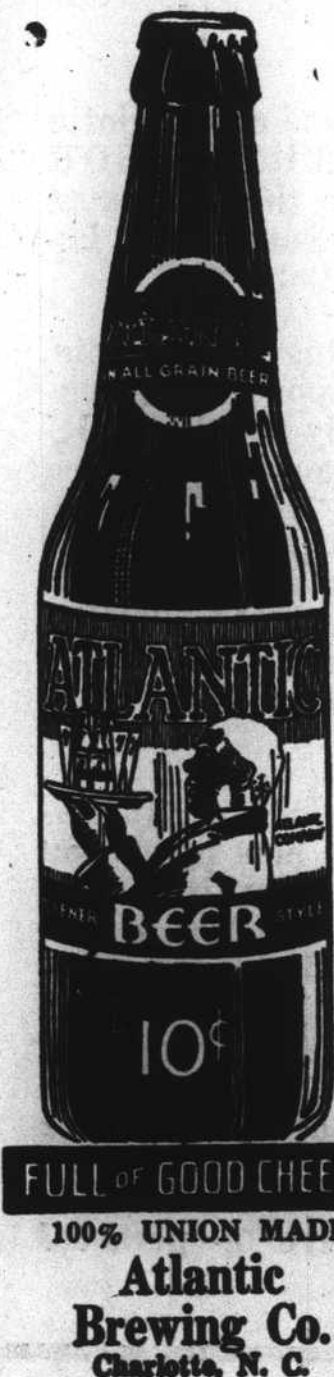
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PLENTY

Man: "Did you fish with flies?"

Friend (back from a camping trip): "Fish with them? We fished with them, camped with them, ate with them, and slept with them."

The man who gets along in this world is the one who can look happy when he is far from just that.

If you want a postage stamp to stick, place the wrong address on your letter.

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RAHEL L. GABLE, Plaintiff
Vs.
CLARA MAE GABLE, Defendant

The Defendant, Clara Mae Gable, above named, will take notice that an action, as above entitled, has been commenced in the Superior Court of Mecklenburg County for an absolute divorce. And the Defendant will further take notice that she is required to appear before the Clerk of Superior Court on the 17 day of March, A. D., 1941, in the aforesaid County and State, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This the 25 day of January, A. D., 1941.

J. LESTER WOLFE,
Clerk of the Superior Court.

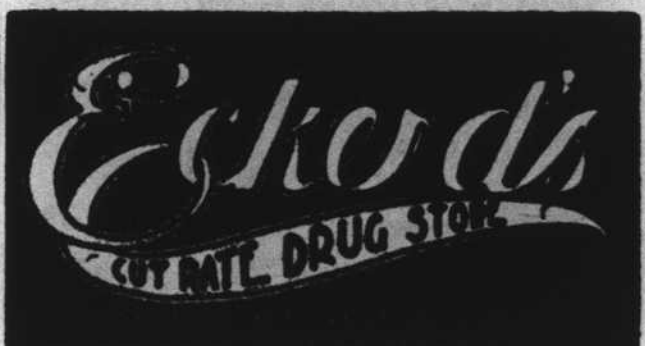
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