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Holiday Greetings

Time has turned the clock around again to another Christmas, and The Journal does not have to herald it loudly, for even the tiniest tot has kept close account of the passing days and knows the time is nigh when his heart will be gladdened not only by the material gifts that may be supplied him, but by the Spirit of the Christ which is as much in the world today as it was almost 2,000 years ago.

This is a time when all selfishness should be cast aside and the fathers and mothers, brothers and sisters should join in celebrating the birth of the King of Kings in one grand brotherly love akin to that which He told us "the Father hath for the Son." Not only should this Spirit prevail at Christmas time but may we live as the Christ would have us live throughout the New Year. Yea! even unto the end! The world is hungry spiritually and our deeds may serve to help others.

In this Christ Spirit The Journal and its staff enters into the Yuletide, wishing for each and everyone nothing but Christmas joy and happiness throughout the holidays.

We feel deeply grateful to our advertisers and our subscribers for the part they have played in making this edition of The Labor Journal possible.

NLRB SWAMPED BY UNION ELECTIONS

The Taft-Hartley law serves to set labor and management apart and prevents teamwork and co-operation in the field of collective bargaining.

This was the view expressed by Joseph M. Jacobs, attorney for various AFL unions, in an address before a district meeting of the Rotary International Business Relations Conference in Aurora, Illinois, recently.

"Under the legislation enacted several months ago," said Mr. Jacobs, "union members were locked in a different room from management representatives and the difficulties of getting together are almost insuperable. For example, under the Taft-Hartley law, there are no less than 30 separate procedural items imposed before the union is even entitled to ask for an employer to grant a union shop. Moreover, many of these procedural items are virtual obstacles to co-operative collective bargaining. If we keep in mind that at the present time there are no less than 12 million American employees working under various kinds of union security contracts, it is then obvious what a widespread handicap some of our new legislation is.

"Then, also, if the new law is construed to require elections every year, as seems to be the case, the National Labor Relations board would require not less than 20 million man hours each year to conduct the elections with respect to union shop authorization. Under the Wagner Act, with only 7,000 elections a year, even the simplest kind of representation elections were delayed for periods of six and seven months. If, under the new law, employees are required to wait even longer, we will have fertile grounds for the widespread growth of labor-management distrust.

"What is required is repeal of laws which are so unrealistically conceived, unworkable in practice and productive of nothing but labor-management disharmony."

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Have you ever had a talk with a photographer? Do not be surprised to have him tell you that everybody who comes into his studio is a professional poser. Everyone wants a good picture—that is their objective. He will tell you that everyone who comes in is primed up and poised; they are going through an ordeal. Boys and girls, men and women, go through the same ritual. All the mirrors are in demand, the ladies will finger hairdos, the men do the same if they have any hair. Each one seems to realize if anything is not right it will show in the picture. Some want their smiles to be in evidence, and they all want a smiling countenance, even though a perpetual frown has furrowed itself across their foreheads.

The camera clicks, the ordeal is over: In a few days the proofs are sent out; the people come in with them and say, "I do not like it, my friends say I look like a fright, and I want to sit again. Please do me justice this time." Finally the finished photos are made. What do we do with the pictures? Some go on the piano, some on the mantel. But they do not stay there very long. Soon they are taken off; a few get into the family album but eventually they are taken up to the attic with the other relics of the past. No one is judged very long by the photograph taken when he is all dolled up.

I like to think of the boy in the high school graduating class who had his picture taken. The proofs came; he looked at them

and was flattered. He showed them to his little six-year-old sister, and she asked, "Brother, who sat for you?" He was deeply insulted. "What do you mean?" He demanded, losing his temper and becoming very mad. His sister looked at him and said, "If the photographer took your picture now I would know you."

We are all judged by the snapshots taken of us without preparation, on the spur of the moment, as we are. Somewhere behind your forehead there is a clicking mental camera and it is always taking pictures of someone else. We see and hear so much, and those mental cameras are always sizing people up. You size others up and they size you up. That is where we get our reputation, from the pictures taken when we are not aware of it. Those pictures you take of others and they take of you and me are the ones by which we are judged.

We are judged by our attitude in school-room, in the shop, on the athletic field. Never a moment passes that someone is not taking a mental picture of us, making a picture of our disposition, habits, behavior, judgment, cheerful moments and moments of depression, what we see and do, are all recorded in someone's mind. From those recordings a man's reputation is made, not from the studio portrait. We cannot stop people from using their mental cameras on us. Our pleadings cannot influence them.

Look well to your reputation. Remember your reputation is always built by right living, in the great world of the outdoors. There you stand or fall by what you are. The mental camera holds its print; let it be a worthy impression.

Every man carries his own bulletin board for every other man to read. On it are recorded what he writes himself. No man wants to be judged by the worst things he has ever done, but if he records them on his own bulletin board there is no one to blame but himself. No man has anything to fear if he lives up to the best that is in him. —The Uplift.

OFF THE BEAM

That's Different—A dusty, shrewd-looking man descended from his wagon outside the farmer's house. "Fine piece of land you have here," he said.

"You're right there," replied the farmer, eagerly. "It's the best to be found anywhere."

"Bit too high a figure for a poor man, I reckon?" asked the stranger.

"It's worth every penny of \$300 an acre," answered the farmer with an eye to business. "Were you thinking of buying and settling in these parts?"

"Hardly," said the stranger as he made notes in his book: "I'm the new tax assessor."

Manager, to stenographer: "Why are you always looking into the mirror?"

Stenographer: "Because your wife told me to watch myself when I was around you."

"Good morning, Jimmy," said the neighbor to the small boy sweeping off the porch. "Is your mother in?"

"Would I be doing this if she wasn't?"

Mr. Green: Is it true that the wild beasts in the jungle won't hurt you if you carry a torch?

Pacific Veteran: It depends on how fast you carry it.

Teacher: Now we will study the tenses. If I say, "I am beautiful," what tense is that?

Jimmy: Pretense.

He: When I sat down to play the piano, they laughed.

She: Why?

He: There was no piano stool there.

Washington, D. C.—President Truman appointed George Meany, of New York, as a member of the board of directors of Federal Prison Industries, Inc., the agency that supervises prison-made goods in federal institutions. Mr. Meany, who is secretary-treasurer of the American Federation of Labor, succeeds the late Robert J. Watt, AFL international representative.

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This the 10th day of December, 1947.

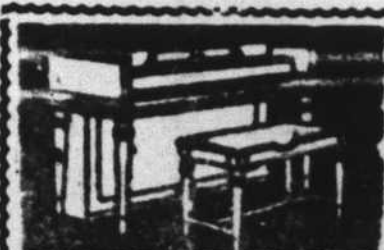
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