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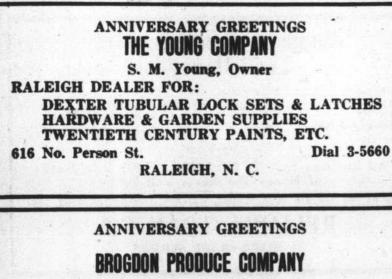
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W. M. WITTER, Associate Editor

At his desk in the editorial office, busily engaged in preparing reading material for this issue of The Labor Journal is W. M. Witter, associate editor. Mr. Witter, together with Henry A. Stalls, upper left, present editor and pub-

would join with his fellow workers lisher, founded The Journal 19 years ago, and he experi- to form a union. Acting with his enced many tough battles during his active years as this fellows and through their newly established organization, they would newspaper's editor and publisher before retiring to lighter duties a few years ago. Although now 75 years of age appeal to their employer for consideration of their grievances. The Brother Witter's mind is as alert as it was during the cruemployer would refuse to talk to sading years gone by. He likes to see and chat with old them. He wouldn't negotiate. He wouldn't arbitrate. He wouldn't do friends and his office is always open to welcome them. anything of a reasonable nature.

Mr. Witter joins The Journal's editor and publisher in thanking this newspaper's friends for their loyal support throughout the years and especially for their contributions toward making this issue of the Journal the largest in the newspaper's entire history.

Why Organized Labor Hates Injunctions erful ally in the court, would quick-ly confront the strikers with an

By GEORGE MEANY are most precious and which are Secretary-treasurer of the American Federation of Labor The following excerpts from an article appearing in the current tion. These rights are freedom of issue of the American Federationist sum up labor's stand against freedom of the press and freedom

the iniquitous procedure of govof religion. ernment by injunction: There are many features emspeak of any right to issue inbodied in the Taft-Hartley Act junctions to throttle the aforewhich are obnoxious and which mentioned freedoms and to crush have caused millions of fair-mindthe lawful associations which wageed citizens, apart from the memearners form to protect themselves bers of organized labor, to decide against the arbitrary, brutal acts that this statute must be eliminat-

of greedy and ruthless employers. ed as quickly as possible. There is no such right under the Of all the distasteful provisions of the Taft-Hartley Act, there is one which stands forth as partic-the first 3 decades of the present The National Association of Manufacturers, the National Metal of the Taft-Hartley Act, there is

bor fought the injunction disease not to be set aside or nullified from the very beginning. The uneither by Congress or by a judge fairness of the use of injunctions or by any other person or instituagainst workers was pointed out time and again. Appeals were made speech, freedom of assemblage, to public opinion. And eventually the tide began to turn. Long before 1932, when the Nowhere does the Constitution

injunction.

H. A. STALLS, Editor and Publisher

Not infrequently his answer would

be to fire his work force and lock

them out. Sometimes he would

just fire some and slash the wages

The workers would meet at their union hall. They would discuss the

situation. Given no alternative,

But the employer, having a pow-

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they would vote to strike.

of those remaining.

Norris-LaGuardia Act was put on the federal statute books by a Republican Congress and a Republican President, voices against the injunction evil began to be heard. Even judges spoke out against this criminal abuse of the power of the judiciary which was undermining public confidence in the courts and Constitution-but in the latter the administration of justice.

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BIGGS BROTHERS, INC. Excavating, Grading, Filling, Gravey, Top Soil, Hauling, Crane Service P. O. Box 6035 RALEIGH, N. C. Jack Biggs Bob Biggs	block any betterment of the work- ers' conditions but to smash and destroy the workers' unions, slash- ed wages, fired union members, did everything imaginable to provoke their employes to strike action and then they sent their lawyers into court. The corporation's attorney would pull out of his pocket a sweeping injunction against the workers. The document would be all ready for the judge. Usually the judge would affix his signature without	Annive	ersary Greetings
us certain rights-rights wh Anniversary Greetings York Building Co. Since 1910 State License 1003	the change of a comma. The in- junction would go into effect. Im- mediately the news would be spread over the front pages of the newspapers. The law-abiding citizen, with his deep respect for the law, would conclude that the workers were in the wrong, that they were to be regarded as crim- inals whom the law had to restrain. The newspapers, even more sweepingly biased against labor in those days when it was easier to hoodwink the public than it is now, would never carry a line to intimate that the true lawbreaker was the judge himself, since his action in issuing an injunction was without basis either in the Constitution or in the enactments of Congress. This was the truth, of course, but to tell the truth would be to spoil a colossal swin- dle which was highly profitable to	Superior Ra	Stone Company Insurance Building EIGH, NORTH CAROLINA
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA	big business. Just think how the wage-earner of the injunction felt. Driven by low wages, long hours and health- shattering working conditions, he		