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HIS REGULAR PERFORMANCE.

That Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, is a democratic party leader of unquestioned loyalty and zeal in behalf of the party and administration now in power, is a fact generally known. He has been in the past and now is a powerful influence in the councils of the present national administration, and is therefore entitled to his share of the praise or blame that may attach to the record of the party in power during the more than seven years past.

Mr. Gompers has been so good a democrat that his partisanship and activity has been rewarded by the appointment of his son to a lucrative federal position. He has represented the administration on different occasions in official or semi-official capacities. Under these circumstances his comments on the record of the party in power cannot be classed as disinterested. He has been a loyal democrat since the time and ante-dating his naturalization and has always been ready to come to the assistance of the party when occasion requires.

So good a partisan in fact has Mr. Gompers been that he has never lifted his voice against the franchise laws and practices imposed by his fellow democratic politicians on the states of the south, whereby four-fifths of the wage-earners, white as well as black, have been denied the fundamental rights of citizenship.

Along with the other democrats and near democrats who have echoed the war cry that "Congress is a failure," Mr. Gompers has issued a statement charging the present congress with having failed to bring down the high cost of living and has further failed to complete the task of reconstruction. Of course there are people who might wonder why—in view of the fact that Mr. Gompers' party has been in power for seven years and was put into power on a pledge to bring down that same cost of high living and otherwise work the nation over on the model of the New Jerusalem—there is so much fuss raised over a republican congress in its failure to do, with only partial responsibility, in a few months what Mr. Gompers' party has utterly failed to do in seven years with complete control of both legislative and executive branches of the government. Certainly the present congress is a failure in the eyes of the labor leader. No republican congress could be anything else to so hard-boiled a democrat.

But at that Mr. Gompers may be mistaken in his statements. There has been times in the past when he has been mistaken, and it is barely possible he may be in this case. Many years ago bombs were exploded in Haymarket Square, Chicago, at an anarchist demonstration and many people were killed. Several professional anarchists were tried for the crime, convicted and sentenced to be hanged. Mr. Gompers appeared in behalf of these men at a hearing before the governor and in his remarks declared that if these anarchists were hanged, it would set back the cause of organized labor twenty years. The convicted men were duly hanged, and we all know about how many minutes, to say nothing of years, organized labor was set back.

Ten years ago this summer Mr. Gompers stumped the country in behalf of the McNamara brothers, then on trial for dynamiting the Los Angeles Times building, in which several lives were lost. He exhorted laboring men to donate money for their defense and made the statement that the McNamaras were no more guilty of the crime charged against them than he was himself.

While he was in the midst of the campaign in their behalf the McNamaras confessed to being guilty of the crime charged against them. It is probable that Mr. Gompers may be as badly mistaken today as to what is in the best interests of unionism, as he was on these occasions. Certainly organized labor as a whole is not represented in Mr. Gompers' appearance every two years as a democratic party campaigner, always sure that his party is the loving friend of labor and that the republican party is the enemy of mankind.

MANY BORN, NONE SUCCEEDED

Since the republican party came into being, 64 years ago, 14 attempts have been made to found other new parties and none of them has elected a president, says the Spokane Spokesman-Review. The closest approach was by the progressive party in 1912, when Roosevelt received 4,119,507 votes. The next considerable splash was made by the populists in 1892, when James B. Weaver polled 1,041,028 votes.

Yet men go on bolting and trying to launch new parties in the face of the discouraging lessons of history.

In 1872 a split in the republican party led to the nomination of Horace Greeley by the "liberal republicans" and the democratic party, but Grant was elected by a majority of more than 700,000.

Four years later in 1876, a greenback party was organized and ran Peter Cooper for president. It was the predecessor of the populist movement. It ran Weaver in 1880 and Ben Butler in 1884; slumbered in 1888 and came back to life again in 1902 as the peoples party, with Weaver its nominee for president.

The prohibition party came into the field in 1876, casting 9522 votes for Green Clay Smith of Kentucky. It has had a presidential candidate in every contest since then.

The socialist party has also been a frequent contender, and at one time and another we have had socialist labor nominees, social democratic candidates, American party candidates, union labor, tainted labor, gold democrat and independent candidates. And the result has been the same in every instance—defeat and the election of a republican or democratic president.

This year will be no exception. The socialists have nominated Eugene Debs again, and there are signs that a motley aggregation of radicals and malcontents will run La Follette for president, but they are foredoomed to crushing defeat. That is why Hiram Johnson, canny politician that he is, promptly fell into line for the republican ticket; and that is why William Jennings Bryan will maintain his unbroken record of regularity no matter what may transpire at San Francisco.

If Debs continues to grow in the next ten years as she has in the past, she will be the metropolis of Oregon. 910 per cent increase is some record even for Oregon.

St. Helens will have hundreds of visitors here the 3rd, 4th and 5th of July. Of course St. Helens people want the visitors to receive a good impression of St. Helens. A clean, attractive town will help to create a favorable impression.

With an intention of arousing the resentment of the many friends of Hoover in the country, the Oregon Journal craftily calls attention to the fact that he was not nominated regardless of the fact that the galleries at Chicago seemed to want him. We would remind the Journal that it should not tear its shirt in this matter till it sees what the convention at San Francisco does to Hoover.

In an address to the visiting Shriners at Portland, W. Freeland Kendrick, imperial potentate, among other important remarks made this very pertinent statement: "The Shriners believe in 'not two isms,' and they are 'patriotism' and 'Americanism.' We want only one language spoken in this country and that the language of Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln, McKinley and Roosevelt."

The Senate Agriculture Committee has done a good turn for the farmers. There are few things in which greater production of food depends than a more bountiful supply of fertilizing materials. They are high and scarce. The administration spent about \$30,000,000 on a plant at Muscle Shoals to make nitrate for ammunition purposes out of the air and that's what the money went into; not an ounce of nitrate came out of it. A bill to operate this now useless plant for actual production of nitrate and by-products for agricultural use has been reported favorably by the committee by unanimous vote.

MODESTY

Remember how winsome is Modesty and how repugnant is Conceit. Boasting wins no allies.

Men resent domination. They rebel at coercion. And they fear overgrowth.

Sympathy lies with the under dog. Size and strength excite interest. But they suggest self-sufficiency and that chills the heart.

The great majority, fighting in the ranks, feel no fellowship with leaders.

They have no love for the powerful. 'Twas the distrust and fear of overlords that bred the grudge against big business.

It is evident still in the growing trend to help in an uphill fight. So it isn't wise to flaunt bigness.

Or to show a desire to crush rivals or to indicate dominance, usually. Men who really command do not seem to attempt it. Men with the most power least display it.

That is particularly true where success depends on a following. Above all, in politics and business.—Ex.

CATHOLIC BOY SCOUTS DRILL

The Catholic Boy Scouts, who are to participate in the Fourth of July parade, will assemble Sunday afternoon at two o'clock for military drill. Lieut. Louis Smith of Portland, who was awarded several Congressional medals during the Philippine campaign, will drill the boys.

TEACHERS' EXAMINATIONS

Notice is hereby given that the County Superintendent of Columbia County, Oregon, will hold the regular examination of applicants for State Certificates at St. Helens as follows: Commencing Wednesday, June 30, 1920, at 9:00 o'clock a.m., and continuing until Saturday, July 3, 1920, at 4:00 o'clock p.m.

Wednesday Forenoon—U. S. History, Writing (Penmanship), Music, Drawing.

Wednesday Afternoon—Physiology, Reading, Manual Training, Composition, Domestic Science, Methods in Reading, Course of Study for Drawing, Methods in Arithmetic.

Thursday Forenoon—Arithmetic, History of Education, Psychology, Methods in Geography, Mechanical Drawing, Domestic Art, Course of Study for Domestic Art.

Thursday Afternoon—Grammar, Geography, Stenography, American Literature, Physics, Typewriting, Methods in Language, Thesis for Primary Certificate.

Friday Forenoon—Theory and Practice, Orthography (Spelling), Physical Geography, English Literature, Chemistry.

Friday Afternoon—School Law, Geometry, Algebra, Civil Government. Saturday Forenoon—Geometry, Botany.

Saturday Afternoon—General History, Bookkeeping.

J. W. ALLEN, County School Superintendent.

LIST OF TRANSFERS

Reported by Columbia County Abstract Co.

June 3—E. L. Brown et ux to John Dowd, Land in Section 3 T. 4 N. R. 2 W., \$10.00. J. T. Adams to Portland Astoria & Pacific Railroad Co., Land in Sec. 18, T. 4 N. R. 4 W., \$1322.00. J. H. Flora et ux to Charlie Russell Jones, 1 acre in Tract 3 Boulevard Acres, \$450.00.

June 4—James Benjamin Paul et al by Sheriff to Laura H. Northrup, Land in Sec. 25 T. 6 N. R. 5 W., \$454.99. Laura H. Northrup to Lydie B. Northrup, W. 1/2 of SE 1/4 of Sec. 25, T. 6 N. R. 5 W., \$100.00. J. A. Large et al to Amelia Daniels, Lots 8, 9 and 10 Block 10 Railroad Addition, \$500.00. D. T. Cottrell to Lee G. Allen et ux, Lots 14 & 15 Block 9 Clatskanie Junction, \$10.00. Barbara Callahan et al to Michael Callahan, SE 1/4 of SE of Sec. 14 T. 3 N. R. 2 W., \$1.00. Michael Callahan to Michael Callahan et ux, SE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Sec. 14 T. 3 N. R. 2 W., \$1.00. Fritz Anker, to Raymond G. Grimshaw, NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of NW of Sec. 28, T. 6 N. R. 2 W., \$300.00.

June 5—Bertha B. Keasey to David C. Eccles, Land in Sec. 26, T. 5 N. R. 5 W., \$200.00.

June 7—Martin Zimmerman to Herman Johnson, Part of SE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of Sec. 5 T. 6 N. R. 2 W., \$400.00. M. M. Binford by Sheriff to W. Anderson, Lot 2 Block 78 St. Helens, \$35.00.

June 8—John G. Pringle et ux to William Pringle, Und. 1-2 interest in Lot 5 Block 1 Vernonia, \$10.00. Edgar Nelson et ux to Albert Lewis Parker, Andrew Parker, NE 1/4 Sec. 27 T. 5 N. R. 4 W., \$10.00. A. W. Clark et ux to Harold H. Everett, Land in Sections 9, 10, 19, 20, 21 and 22 T. 7 N. R. 5 W., \$10.00. J. P. Clayton to H. E. Noble, Lot 22 Block 34 St. Helens, \$10.00. John Phillip to N. F. Baker, Part of Lots 12 and 13, Block 43 St. Helens, \$1500.00.

June 9—Bertha L. Cassatt et ux to F. A. Howard, Lot 5, Block 59 St. Helens, \$500.00. Carroll C. Keasey et ux to Franklin E. Mainsten et ux, Lots 7 and 8, Block 15, East Side Add. to Vernonia, \$400.00. Louis Seigert to R. M. Hall et ux, Lots 1, 2, 9, 10, Block 10, East Side Add. to Vernonia, \$600.00. Julia VanBariccom to Louis Seigert, Lots 1, 2, 9, 10, Block 10, East Side Add. to Vernonia, \$1.00. Edward E. Hazen et ux to T. F. Robertson, Lot 10 and E1-2 of Lot 11 Block 2 Georgetown, \$1.00.

June 10—James Rowley to Alfred E. Parker, Lots 10, 11, 12, 13, Block 28 Lots 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 Block 139, Lots 1, 2, 3, 20, 21, and 22 Block 140, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22 Block 143, Lots 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18 Block 144 St. Helens, \$1000.00. H. O. Morris to First Swedish Baptist Church of Portland, Land in Sec. 19, T. 4 N. R. 1 W., \$500.00.

June 11—Sylvester Davis to E. J. McAlair, S. 1-2 of NW of NE 1/4 of Sec. 18, T. 4 N. R. 4 W., \$1.00. E. R. Kingsley et al to E. D. Kingsley, Land in Sec. 18, 19 and 20 T. 7 N. R. 4 W., also land in Sec. 24 T. 7 N. R. 5 W., \$1.00.

June 12—Robert H. Williams to John Larson, Land in Sec. 17 T. 7 N. R. 4 W., \$150.00. A. T. Laws et ux

to A. E. Parker, Lot 9 Block 32 and portion of lot 10 Block 32 St. Helens, \$10.00. Christa Bessotes et ux to G. V. Nightingale et ux, W. 1/2 of W. 1/2 of NE 1/4 of Sec. 10 T. 5 N. R. 2 W., Carley et ux, 8 ft off of and from south side lot 15 and 50 ft off north side of lot 16 Block 32 St. Helens, \$500.00.

June 14—C. F. Abbott to Bert Hoffman et ux land in Sec. 31 T. 6 N. R. 1 W., and Sec. 6, T. 4 N. R. 1 W., \$10.00. R. D. Laws et ux to A. M. Holt, W. 1/2 of SE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Sec. 28 T. 6 N. R. 2 W., \$500.00. Hattie Large to A. M. Holt, W. 1/2 of SE 1/4 of SE of Sec. 28 T. 6 N. R. 2 W., \$500.00.

June 15—Matt Gabrielson et ux to John Gabrielson et ux, Land in Sections 13 and 24 T. 4 N. R. 2 W., \$8000.00. John Gabrielson to Matt Gabrielson, W. 1/2 of E. 1/2 of SE 1/4 of NE 1/4 Sec. 23 T. 4 N. R. 2 W., \$2500.00. J. F. Ryan to J. L. Chittim, Lot 2 Block 44 St. Helens, \$1600.00.

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