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"My Country 'Tis of Thee, Sweet Land of Liberty."

THE PUBLIC IS PARTLY TO BLAME.

A new slant on prevailing high prices was given by a manufacturer of women's clothing at a public forum meeting recently. He asserted that people were afraid of low-priced goods and asked for "more expensive" things simply because they had come to believe that it was necessary to pay a high price in order to secure good quality. "The retailer must keep his prices up in order to make sales," he said.

This is a pitiful picture, indeed, and wrings the heart with sympathy for the retailer whose goods are so misunderstood.

It is also a stern comment on the purchasing public. That public talks a good deal about high prices and speaks bitterly of particular instances in which it believes it has been unnecessarily "gouged." With protests and complaints still on their lips, these buyers, and particularly the women buyers, go forth and buy a lot of foolish things, up-to-the-minute styles and luxuries which they could easily do without. Because everybody talks about the scandalous price of shoes, many women hesitate to buy a pair for less than $18. It just isn't done, and they are afraid to be the first to ask for a plainer shoe at less money.

"Twenty dollars for a hat!" one woman exclaims. "I never paid more than $812 in my life! Then the subtle tempter, H. C. L. Talk, reminds her that this is the day of exorbitant prices. Everything is high, and with a sigh she pays the $20 when she could have acquired a perfectly satisfactory hat for less money.

If men and women would talk a little less about high prices and try a little harder to find the good and useful things which can still be purchased at fair and reasonable prices, they would do themselves and the public—including the would-be honest retailer—a good turn.

Aid's Hunter's Aim.

To insure a hunter a steady aim an inventor has patented an arm rest, fastened to the body with a waist belt.

World's Seed Emporium.

London is still the world's chief emporium of the seed trade.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

I have to report for the week ending October 4:

From the recorder's office, licenses issued: dray 3, rooming houses 1; building permits 2. Receipts from fines $127.50. Warrants issued on general fund $2,384.61, meals $1.05, pound $2.00.

From the treasurer's office:

Receipts:—

Water rents	$ 204.05
Imp. Dist. installments	2,144.92
Imp. Dist. interest	677.85
Licenses	59.50
Rents	21.00
Building permits	1.00
Electrical permits	4.00
Recorder's turnover	434.54
Total	$3936.92

Disbursements:—

General warrants	3617.75
Gen. War. Int.	124.14
Imp. Dist. interest	180.00
Sec. Int. city hall	75.00
Library warrants	142.85
Park warrant	80.00
Total	$4419.74

From the fire department, no calls.

From the police department, eleven arrests, state prisoner 1, disorderly conduct, traffic violation 8, fines $127.50, meals for outside prisoners $1.05, pound fees $2.00.

From the street department, repairing and cleaning up of streets and walks and the usual flushing of pavements.

From the water department, repairing of a number of leaks in the mains and meters, and installing meters and meter boxes, the concrete boxes being used now instead of wood where replacements are necessary. The force of men at the intake are still working on the construction of the dam which we hope to have completed in the near future. Special Engineer Kelsey is here today and it is the intention to go to Beaver creek tomorrow and inspect the work there as well as make another examination and survey of the west fork of Beaver to determine if this water can be got into the present line.

A comparison of the cash receipts for water for the months of July, August and September of this year with the receipts for the same months of last year shows an increase of some sixteen per cent. This gives an idea of the increased consumption but does not show the actual increase owing to the fact that water users were restricted in the use of water for irrigating purposes. The records show that the number of users has increased since the installation of the Beaver creek line in 1909 from some 700 users to about 1800, at the present time. Another item of increase in receipts is in the police department. The receipts in this department for the first nine months of the year were $3,373.20 as compared with receipts of $2,225 for the same period last year. This may be due to several causes, of course, but is doubtless due in part to the vigilance of the force in this department.

Another call has been made for general warrants which brings the outstanding warrants up to April 1st of this year. As soon as the balance of the taxes are turned over to the city we will be able to make a further call.

I submit herewith budget statement for first nine months of this year, including for comparison expenditures for same period of last year. The statements show that we are keeping well within the budget allowance in practically all departments notwithstanding the fact that materials and labor are much higher than at the time budgets were prepared.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN COLLIER.

FORUM

NEW ANGLE ON THE STEEL STRIKE

Union, Oct. 8th, 1919.

Editor Observer: I read with interest your article in the daily Observer of a few days ago and also the letter of Mr. L. Garrick in yesterday's issue concerning the rights of labor to organize, and the rights of such organizations. However Mr. Garrick's reference to the steel strike is one of the most peculiar that has ever taken place in this country. It would seem from testimony taken before the investigating committee of congress, that something over a year ago a committee was formed of members of the federation of labor to organize the labor in the steel industries. At the time when the strike was called only 20 per cent of the steel workers had become unionized, according to the testimony of Mr. Fitzgerald, chairman of the committee above referred to.

The issue in this strike appears to be that the steel corporation refuses to recognize union labor. Now, honestly, why should it? After a year's work by active, shrewd organizers, only 20 per cent of the steel workers have been organized. 80 per cent of the steel workers have refused to become unionized. Should the steel corporation recognize the 20 per cent as against the 80 per cent of its workers? It would appear on the face of it as though this strike was not a matter as between union labor and the steel corporation, but a matter between the 20 per cent of organized labor and the 80 per cent of unorganized labor of the steel industries. Besides the principal organizers of steel workers Mr. William Z. Foster, and at whose instance the strike was called up to a short time ago was an avowed I. W. W. and wrote a phamphlet in advocacy of the doctrines of the I. W. W., which was widely distributed. According to press reports from various states of the east, this strike does not appeal with favor to the general public.

The two propositions stated above, viz. that the workers in the steel industries are not really unionized and that the strike leader is wanting in "Americanism," are undoubtedly the cause of public sentiment being against this strike. I myself favor labor unions, and belive that labor has an inherent right to organize for its settlement in every way but I am everlastingly opposed to Syndicalism and all it represents and believe that men who advocate such doctrines ought to be in jail or hung, and I would not care which.

Respectfully,
B. F. WILSON.

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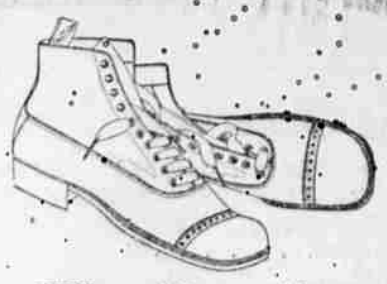

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9.25 BONAMI for	7.80

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3.25 DAZEY for	2.60
3.50 DAZEY for	2.80
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5.65 DAZEY for	4.70

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