

## LABOR PROBLEMS ARE DISCUSSED

Three Fingered Jack Addresses People on Corporations and Organized Labor.

Sunday evening hundreds of people braved the elements to hear Three-Fingered Jack discuss the relations of corporations to organized labor. Utterances taken at random from the address include the following:

Organization is the great movement of the age. This age will stand out in history for its organization efforts. My opinion is that labor organizations are a unit in a desire to better conditions. The corporations are interested in business, and to better it. Let us draw an imaginary line through this audience—labor on one side of it and corporations on the other. The entire audience is alike—no with labor and capital. Both are identical.

In 1886 I was a member of the Knights of Labor, and it was considered of all classes from common laborer to the president of the house. In the same year I was a striker. We went out, and we got beat, and I have studied the labor situation from then until now. We have never gained anything except shorter hours.

Today there are 6,723,000 men out to work for the few rather than the many. The man who with his money from circulation to all the few and harm the many, ought to be in prison.

Let's not talk about the O.W.—let's talk about the Northern Pacific. There are 41,000 stockholders in this company; 48,000 men on payroll; 89,000 men looking for pay checks from this railroad; 445,000 in the United States looking to the Northern Pacific for meal tickets. The stockholders and the employees of that company have been at loggerheads since 1886. They are organized on both sides, but are still fighting, and so far apart they can't hear the roar of each other's cannons.

The hungry world looks to America for a livelihood. Since 1886 something like \$56,200,000,000 have been spent or lost by labor in strikes, with an equal sum spent by the United States. When we think of 445,000 looking for a pay check from the Northern Pacific, we must remember that they are not producers of foodstuffs, but are the medium of exchange of commerce.

Let's form a little company of our own right here. We pool our money as stockholders and we elect an executive force. Now we must have labor—don't you see how helpless either is without the other?

I went to jail for labor; there is

not money enough between heaven and hell to bar me from my fellow man.

We should send food and not money to starving Europe, and we could if we developed territory not now served by railroads. The part of Oregon unsupplied by railroads could feed much of the starving world.

McCormick built railroads through his anvil, mowers and reapers, and they in turn demanded railroads.

We are the only over-producing nation in the world.

Other nations send men here to raise rebellion but God's hand and people are here. There is no country fit for my mother except America. I have been in all countries, but give me American freedom. America is the market for a billion five hundred million people.

I know a former laboring man in now a high official who sends monthly checks to 38 men who were denied relief from the company by claim agents. Compare this with the fighting going on between stockholders and labor on the Northern Pacific. They had better be doing something to help the world's suffering.

How is your heart tonight? Unless we get right we will get into war. It is said a corporation has no soul;

it never will have unless we inject an evangelist into it. He will convert it.

For many years I have worked to be a railroad evangelist. I sat in a meeting of railroad officials and told them of the injustices to the employees. I went back for three successive days and got no response. On the fourth day one old man stood up and said: "This man is right. He starts at the top and goes down." I jumped up and took him by the hand.

Ninety-five per cent of discontent is caused by minor officials.

I sat in Rockefeller's office; have faced Hill; have stood in the United States senate; in every oil camp west of the Mississippi, and I pray I may help awaken the world. I will get my reward in the world beyond.

This is my first railroad meeting in a railroad center since I became a railroad evangelist. I am here of my own accord. If I had no support I would be here. People are crying for law enforcement and God sent me. I am never satisfied with myself or my talk. Connected with this work is every interest of the industrial and commercial world.

This is a dream of mine. If the men will co-operate with the railroad

corporations the corporations would save enough to perpetuate the salaries of all railroad men in case of accident—by Clean co-operation the men would save enough to build clean playgrounds and health resorts for themselves and families.

Now men must work 30 years to get a pension. If there was co-operation, if God and Christ entered into the compact, one would get a pension on the O.W. after three years from the savings effected by eliminating disputes.

This is quite a problem but it means mental construction. I have the machinery to connect up the inactive parts of your head. The economic question is the biggest question in the world today.

If you invest a dollar it keeps on

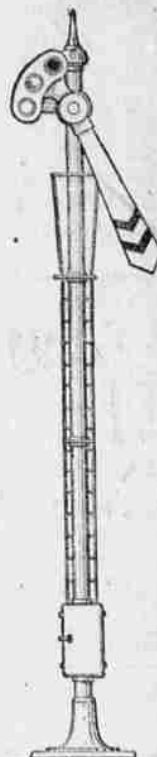
working after you are dead. But a laboring man's capital, which is his labor, stops when he quits. It should keep on working and he should have credit.

I gave \$50,000 to the strikers in Colorado and Governor Peabody had me shipped out of the state. I spent a lot more later to have Peabody shipped out of office.

As a final conclusion and a final solution to this great problem, I hold you this Bible. Through it will come the proper co-operation that will solve our troubles.

Justice Thomas A. McBride, veteran member of the Oregon supreme court, celebrated his seventy-fourth birthday anniversary at Salem November 18.

## The Block Signals Are Working—



In some respects, human experience is like railroading.

Every moment of the business and social day the block signals are giving right of way to keenness and alertness—while the slow and the heavy must wait on the sidetrack for their chance to move forward.

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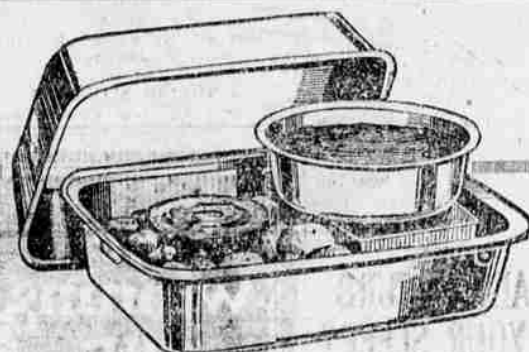
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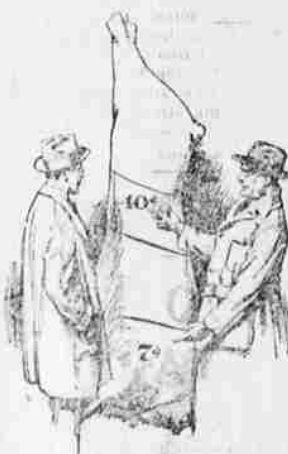
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## Choice Cuts —and Others



A few weeks ago a newspaper man visited one of the wholesale markets of Swift & Company. He wanted to see a retailer buy a loin of beef and then watch the retailer sell the porterhouse and sirloin steaks from it over his counter. He thought this would make a good story.

The head of the market took the reporter into the "cooler" where he showed him a high class side of beef. With a wooden skewer he marked

off the loin and said, "That would cost a retailer just 40 cents a pound, but it's only 8 per cent of the weight of the whole side."

"This piece, (and he marked off about one-fourth of the carcass) is the chuck and I'll sell it at wholesale for 7 cents a pound. Please remember, this is one of our best sides of beef. We also have beef which sells for half as much."

This wide variation in the price of various cuts from the same side of beef is caused largely by demand for the tender cuts. The others are, of course, just as wholesome.

It seems as though more people than ever are demanding choicer cuts, and their demand sets the price. If few people ask for the forequarter cuts, the price of forequarters will automatically drop to a figure low enough to induce people to buy because of cheapness.

Even though certain cuts sell for relatively high prices, other cuts, due to lack of demand, sell so low that our profit from all sources over a period of five years averaged only a fraction of a cent a pound.

It is competition between consumers for the choicer cuts that keeps prices for those cuts relatively high; an equalizing demand for all parts of the carcass would benefit producer, packer, retailer and consumer.

Our average wholesale selling price of all products has fallen about 40 per cent since September 1920.

Swift & Company, U. S. A.

## Quality Flowers

Union county is noted for the diversity and high quality of its farm products. Whatever is raised here seems to do a little better than in many other parts of the state. And it is not only field crops that have come to the fore in the county. A. B. Cherry of this city has shown that the center of Eastern Oregon business and agricultural activities can also produce highly cultivated flowers that excel.

At the flower show held in Portland last week Mr. Cherry exhibited blossoms that were declared to be the finest ever shown in the northwest by floral experts. Jessica Currier, an authority on chrysanthemums, who has attended many shows, writing in the Portland Telegram said: "The White Chrysanthemums shown by Mr. Cherry of La Grande, I feel, never have been equalled in any show I have ever attended. They were perfect as to size and color, shading from white at the tips to the dark rose reflex. Every bloom in this display was a finished flower and I am free to say I never imagined there was a grower of Mr. Cherry's skill in Eastern Oregon."

The Oregonian, in commenting on Mr. Cherry's exhibit said: "The quality of the display from Cherry's in La Grande is most remarkable, the centerpiece being 50 extra-large Turner chrysanthemums, and on either side of this large bushy of Eugene Long-stet yellow chrysanthemums."

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