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LABOR DAY.

"Men of labor, heirs of glory,
Heroes of unwritten story,
Nurslings of one mighty mother,
Hopes of her and one another,
Rise like lions from your slumber,
In unvanquishable number,
Shake to earth the chains that bind you,
That in sleep have fallen on you;
Ye are many, they are few."

Labor day has been set aside by legislators as a tribute to those who toil, and incidentally, vote. It marks the growth of the esteem in which labor is held in the modern world that contrasts sharply with the disesteem of all ancient civilizations.

Labor, through the long centuries in which the toiler has advanced from slavery and serfdom, has gradually acquired a dignity of its own—a truer dignity than is born with tinsel of caste. The development of democracy has been the development of the toiler, until today, when the average skilled laborer is as well and often better informed than the tradesman and even those in the professional classes.

All olden civilizations were built upon the cornerstone of slavery. All labor, manual and mental, was performed by slaves and it was considered a disgrace for those of the patrician caste to speak to or associate with the toilers, who had no rights. Historians were ashamed to even write of the ruling caste. Soldiers were ashamed to fight the despised commoners, and the patrician youths of ancient Greece amused themselves by hunting and slaying their own workmen, busy harvesting in the fields.

In those days, when "the glory that was Greece and the grandeur that was Rome" were enlightening the world, the toiler was thought to not even have a soul. The census of Athens revealed 9000 "souls," when its population was 300,000. The many were the property of the few, to work, to torture, to slay as they wished. The cross provided a favorite torture post, while the working man's frantic death agonies as he perished from crucifixion or died in a wreath of flames, for no other crime than being a toiler, furnished amusement to his noble masters for centuries. Once 6000 workmen were crucified and burned to death at one time along the Appian way.

The uplifting of labor, the gradual emancipation of mankind, has progressed slowly, but steadily, through the centuries—moving faster and faster as the development of humanity progressed.

It is a far step from those days, when all the arts and sciences, as well as manual labor, were in the hands of persecuted slaves, to the present day, when an entire nation sets aside a day in honor of the toiler, and countless thousands of them are marching through a thousand cities, giving expression to the force and strength and place in the nation of those who work. And yet labor has not fully come into its own, nor will it until the arrival of the long dreamed of millenium—the universal brotherhood of man.

PLEASED WITH PROSPECT FOR JOSEPHINE COUNTY

H. B. Buddenberg of Seattle, one of the gentlemen associated with G. A. Collins in the proposed new electric road, arrived here last Saturday morning and during Saturday and Sunday went over the proposed route with Mr. Collins in an automobile. He remained in conference with Mr. Collins Monday and Tuesday evening returned to Seattle, apparently well pleased with the outlook.

OLD CUP DEFENDER RELEGATED TO BEAR

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Sept. 7.—The famous old America cup defender Partan, which in 1888 defeated the English challenger Geneva, has passed from the fleet of pleasure craft to the possession of the U. S. Navy.

DRAINING MARSH LAND IN KLAMATH COUNTRY

It is estimated that 50,000 acres of marsh land will be practically drained by the dyke, which the Southern Pacific company is throwing up for their railroad bed across the southern part of the county. As this dyke will be completed this fall it will mean that this immense body of rich land will be ready for crops next year. The only source of water for the Lower Lake is from the overflow of Klamath river, which runs through the channel which connects the river with the lake. When the water is high in the river it raised the water in the lake and overflows the adjoining lands. During the dry season at this time of the year the water flows back to the river and lowers the lake to a level.

JEALOUS WIFE KILLS GIRL WITH HUSBAND

WICHITA FALLS, Tex., Sept. 7.—Miss Lillian Wheatley is dead and Mrs. Walter Allen, accused of causing her death, is in jail today as the result of a tragedy occurring directly after Mrs. Allen had caught the girl in the presence of her husband.

THE FARMER AND TARIFF REVISION

(New York World)
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What Papers Say

PUBLIC OWNERSHIP THE REMEDY FOR CORRUPTION

(Sacramento Bee.)
Colonel H. Weinstein, who was especially commissioned by Governor Gill to look into conditions of labor in other countries, has written concerning the conditions in Germany.

Among other things, he says: "The Germans cannot understand what seems to them a paradoxical condition in our country. They ask: 'How is it that individually you Americans as a rule are the soul of honor, yet collectively in your municipal administrations you seem to be a pack of thieves?'"

Colonel Weinstein also sends to the governor a letter from David Lubin in which he calls attention to the same assertion, and suggests that the proper remedy would lie in compulsory attendance at primaries.

The Bee does not believe that the American people in their local governments are so very much more dishonest than other people, and it has from time to time given facts and statistics to prove it. The boasted honesty of many European cities falls to the ground when confronted with facts, statistics and reports.

However, suppose we admit for the sake of argument, that our city governments are not only commonly corrupt—which is the truth—but far more corrupt than those of Europe. What is the remedy? What was the remedy over there?

Certainly no man who has ever read history will state that the corruption within the United States today is to be compared to the European corruption of a hundred years ago, no matter what nation you might choose.

Why then are we so corrupt and they not so corrupt, if that be true? The Bee has often held, and circumstantial evidence will prove it, that the reason for the proportional decrease of municipal corruption in European cities comes from the public ownership of public utilities. Before the public utilities were owned by the people, for instance, in the cities of England, the corruption there was so notorious that it was exploited by novelists.

As the people began to own their public utilities better men were put up for office and more honesty developed in municipal positions.

The same would undoubtedly be the result here. For a few years there might be corruption, as there was corruption for a few years in those English cities, but gradually the best citizens would take a pride in running for office and in governing the cities where they had so many great interests to look out for.

REPUBLICAN DEFIANCE OF POPULAR DEMAND FOR REFORM

(Sacramento Bee.)
An old-time friend and pioneer associate of Senator Ankeny (republican) discussing the charge made by Congressman Wesley L. Jones that Ankeny secured his seat by corrupting the politics of this state and bribing legislators, said, defensively:

"Well, what if Ankeny did get his seat that way? They all have to do it to some extent or other."—Spokane Spokesman Review.

It is notorious that many senators have obtained their seats through bribery in some form or other. A common method is that of giving a lump sum to legislative candidates "to cover election expenses," with the "understanding" that the aspirant will remember the giver when the vote is taken on the senatorship. Guggenheim, of Colorado, owes his place in the senate to the cheerful contribution of a very large sum of money to the state campaign fund, which was used to elect republican nominees to the legislature.

It is high time to put a stop to the present method of electing senators through the votes of purchased or bought legislators. The remedy is direct popular election of senators, for which the national democratic platform unequivocally declares.

But what did the national republican convention at Chicago, which nominated Taft and Sherman, do on this vital issue?

The platform committee defeated popular election of United States senators by a vote of 22 to 1. And when the question was brought up in the convention that body finally trumpeted upon this great reform by a vote of 506 to 114.

And why did the republican convention thus affront and insult the people in their earnest cry for this long-neglected change?

Simply because it would endanger republican control of the United States senate, now the main reliance of the trusts and the railroads, and against the demands of the people and the policy of Theodore Roosevelt. It accordingly has invited defeat at the polls by the good citizenship of the nation, and richly deserves to be beaten.

Shall the people rule, or the monopolies?

That is the main issue of the present campaign.

THE FARMER AND TARIFF REVISION

(New York World)
President Roosevelt's appeal for the social uplifting of the farmer class through the Federal government is well meant, although loaded down with a

rather diffuse and dreamy philosophy. But when he describes actual conditions he comes pretty near being practical.

For instance, President Roosevelt says: "We Americans are making great progress in the development of our agricultural resources. But it is equally true that the social and economic institutions of the open country are not keeping pace with the development of the nation as a whole. The farmer is as a rule better off than his forebears; but his increase in well-being has not kept pace with that of the country as a whole. * * * It is at least as important that the farmer should get the largest possible return for his money, comfort and social advantages from the crops he grows as that he should get the largest possible return in crops from the land he farms."

Here President Roosevelt leads straight up to a political question of which for seven years he has sedulously fought shy. What more direct and immediate way is there of helping the farmer to get "the largest possible return in money, comfort and social advantages from the crops he grows" than the revision of the tariff on an equitable basis?

Honest tariff reform would not only insure the farmer cheaper prices for what he buys, but would stimulate the outward flow of his products to foreign countries. On the one hand he would be benefitted by freer access to the markets of the world, and on the other by freedom from the exactions of the tariff-trusts. For years the farmer has been in need of cheaper lumber. The tariff prohibits it. For years he has known that the American made agricultural implements and other tools he requires are sold cheaper abroad than to him because of the tariff. Dingley ultra-protectionism has everywhere throughout the country enormously increased the cost of living.

Let the farmer have more money to spend after purchasing his necessities and supplies, and he will be able to secure more comforts and more social advantages for himself in his own way.

YOUTH SHOT FOR DEER MAY STILL RECOVER

Charles Christie, the young man who was accidentally shot near Wonder Wednesday of last week by Winford Littlefield while the two were out deer hunting and was brought to the hospital in this city last Friday evening, strange though it may seem, is not only alive but seems to be improving. Dr. Loughbridge, who has the case in charge, stated this afternoon that there is still a chance for his recovery.—Grants Pass Courier.

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