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THAT'S THE KIND

KIRBY, Otis, Post and other fighters of organized labor declare they are not opposed to unions of workmen...

FIFTEEN LABOR PRESS MUNICIPAL COURTS

THERE IS A TIME coming in this country when such things as municipal courts as they exist today will be relegated to the scrap heap of oblivion where they belong.

A majority, at least, of the men brought into the police court are guilty of no crime, that could not have been avoided if they had had an opportunity to secure employment at fair wages.

This city spends millions of dollars yearly for public work which is let to contractors whose sole object is to make as much money for themselves as possible.

Now why not bring about a condition that would make it impossible for a man to offer a good excuse for not having a visible means of support.

Another thing that helps mightily to produce the present-day municipal court conditions, is the licensed employment bureau.

Then again, if such men as Otis and Kirby would encourage their employes to become members of unions, instead of stirring up strife as they are at present.

The unions do not object to the employers forming an organization—in fact, they encourage it, but they want the same right to organize, and thereby hang a tale.

BURNING MONEY.

IT IS POINTED OUT by Arthur W. Glines in "Our Dumb Animals" that the vast expenditures for naval vessels is one of the factors neglected in the problem of high prices.

In California the big companies force their men to deal at company stores and to pay to company hospital funds.

Columbus, Ohio, wants municipal street cars. But Columbus must first go to a corporation owned legislature to secure permission.

In the next decade to keep a few pelaces for officers and floating bells for the men going from port to port.

PRESS COMMENTS

A Word to Preachers.

Miners' Magazine. If the preachers and the professed Christians are sincerely yearning for a higher moral standard, they must take off their coats and roll up their sleeves, to give battle to a system that has put profit above virtue and the dollar above the man.

Uniform Taxation

Oregon Journal, Portland. The Oregonian refers to single tax as "agrarian socialism." The utterance evidences its ignorance of the subject.

SKINNING THE PEOPLE

IT APPEARS that private parties in this city are producing electricity for themselves at a rate from a cent and a quarter per kilowatt hour.

HONOR TO GRAFFERS

IN Switzerland in 1891 a member of congress sold his vote for \$10,000. It could not be legally proved, but it came out on him, just as such things have come out on American statesmen.

There is some complicated book entries that make this look a little different, but that is the substance of it.

Divided and Conquered

H. N. Casson in Shoe Workers' Journal. If the Indians had acted together they might have held the country at least for several hundred years longer, and then kept a large part of the west for their own use.

THE MEDICAL GRAFT

TWELVE years ago the Swiss people refused to authorize compulsory vaccination. In many districts there are no vaccinations.

The deaths from smallpox are no greater in Switzerland than elsewhere. It is said by those who are fully equal to the best informed advocates of vaccination that good nursing, isolation and up-to-date medical treatment prevents the spread of smallpox.

Will Have Learned. Lake County Examiner. The result of the Oregon election should make it clear to even the most obtuse politician that the people will not stand for any of the old time ways of doing politics, be they good or bad.

Always the few grow richer and the many poorer. Why? There must be something besides brains and industry which keeps concentrating the wealth of all into the hands of a few.

When Bismark imprisoned the Socialists of a generation ago he made statesmen out of them, for the people elected them to the highest offices in the land, sometimes before their terms expired.

PRESS COMMENTS

Most Significant

Tacoma Labor Advocate. The most significant happening in the labor movement in recent years is the revolution in public opinion regarding it. Ten years ago the average intelligent citizen not associated with organized labor looked askance at unions and union men, questioned the necessity and the legality of the one.

A Catspaw

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State Trades Union Directory

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