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Have you a scab collar hitched to a union tie?

Have you a union-made hat on your head with a union card in your pocket?

Every time you ask for a union label collar you go on a strike and don't lose a cent.

Premier Stolypin has been "recalled," according to the Russian method. Some people think Oregon has a better way.

The People's Charter Committee has 5,000 words before it in regulating franchise-giving. Five hundred would be plenty.

King of Portugal (recalled) is living on charity of relatives. Able to work. Might marry an American heiress as an alternative.

There is no need for a street railway franchise on any bridge. The city should lay the tracks and lease the use of the bridge to all comers.

The matter of granting special permits for street clocks seems to go in the City Council as a matter of course. The narrow streets of the city should not be cluttered up with street signs and advertisements.

Ralph C. Clyde is receiving commendations for the passage of his ordinance making the sending of notices and estimates of street improvements compulsory before the work begins instead of after completion.

Judson King says: "It is not only the constitution as it is written, but the constitution as it is interpreted by the judges that counts. The men who write and construe the constitution of California are the men who rule that state."

In Los Angeles a grand jury has been held nearly a year, its sole function being to "sweat" and threaten any and all witnesses for the defence. And then the plute press asks: "Do not the union men realize that a fair trial is assured in Los Angeles?"

Senator Bailey, of New York, and nominally from Texas, is a disappointed man. He smells of Standard Oil. He is opposed to the people at every important point. He stands with Taft against the recall and direct government by the people. He has served his masters faithfully, ably and well, but his masters are not the people. They are the big beasts of Wall street. Let him enjoy his reward and suffer his disappointment also.

Sex study has been introduced in Berkeley, California, high school. This line of child-training can be so handled as to be productive of incalculable good. It can be presented to the young child through the study of botany, insect life, and finally biology. It beats the classes in vice and vulgarity held on street corners and back lots attended by the ever-inquisitive youth, bound to find out the why of things, and the fountains of life.

Portland citizens, including trades unionists, have not been alert when ordinances which tended to bring about a monopoly have been before the City Council or before the people. One result has been to place the business of bill posting and distribution of circulars, by law, under the control of one firm. What has been the result? The business men have had to pay an increased price for such work without corresponding benefits, and, having a monopoly, the workingmen employed by this firm have been forced to accept the crumbs offered.

It appears that \$93,669 on the \$100 is as good as this city can obtain on its bonds taken in lump sums, and even that may be reduced unless the city appoints some bank in New York to be its fiscal agent.

This is entirely too low. The city should issue its bonds in small denominations to home investors. They would beat the postal savings banks and compel the brokers to come through with better bids if larger blocks were wanted. To pay a little over six per cent discount on four per cent bonds is something of a snap common small Portland investors do not have a look in on.

The criminal operations of certain employment offices, practiced for years in this city, have robbed the workingmen of money which they could ill afford to lose. Many a fellow out of work, with only several dollars between him and starvation, has paid out this money to employment sharks, only to find there was no work for him or else he was discharged in a day, in order that others might be robbed in the same manner. Time and again has this subject been discussed in the different trades unions, but so far nothing has been accomplished. Organized labor, through the central body, should find and apply the remedy.

WANT AUTO RACE TRACKS.

The Grange wants a road law that will enable the people of a county to build roads when and where they are wanted for the development of the communities needing them.

The auto people want auto race tracks the length of the state.

The Grange knows that nothing is to be expected of an extra session of the Legislature. The auto good-roaders think that something could be slipped over the people if one was called.

Governor West has some propositions relating to the employment of prisoners that need money from the Legislature, and he is something of an auto user himself and comes in contact with that class of people.

Perhaps there will be an extra session called, but it will be a mistake to get the bunch of misrepresentatives together again unless the state is invaded by the Japs, or the cholera sweeps away half the population or something of that sort. The Legislature is a pestilence and an invasion itself.

The Grangers want good roads for the people, and they are going to have them. The referendum is applicable to special session enactments. At the next regular election there will probably be the auto race track bill and the Grange good road bill submitted to the people.

At a recent conference of the good road people the dominant auto bunch insulted, flouted and derided the farmers and the Grangers. It is said that the presiding dignitary ejaculated: "Damn the farmers; what do we care what they want?" The farmers will damn the auto race track scheme proposed and damn it hard at the ballot box.

PAY LABOR GOOD WAGES.

San Francisco fixes the wages of common laborers by its charter at three dollars a day. The original charter provided for but two dollars. The people amended it to three.

Skilled mechanics protect themselves through their unions. Men of the professions safeguard themselves through specially skilled brain power and associations. The laborer, the so-called mudsill, needs government protection; first, because without such protection not only the laborer, but society, suffers in health and morals. There are two many at the bottom of our industrial system, and overcrowding always spells disaster.

Second, the government standing for the highest ideal of human relationship, should be willing to reach out its helping hand to the weak.

Third, the community can amply afford to pay the best wages and raise the standard of living. In every city vast sums of unearned increment goes to idlers and speculators. This increment is earned by those who do not get it, and gotten by those who do not earn it. The community can easily secure more of this vast sum, amounting to many times the present taxes in any large city, and thereby secure the best labor from well-fed bodies and well-trained brains.

MADE IN OREGON.

"Boost Oregon by demanding that everything be made in Oregon!" cried out a business man at a meeting the other day. A little inquiry brought forth the information that the gentleman had on a scab hat, a scab shirt, a scab pair of shoes, a scab suit of clothes, bought his meat at a scab market, ate scab bread and cared no more for Oregon than a hog cares how turtles swim.

Such Oregon boosters are not the kind to build up Oregon. Good wages paid to Oregon-made products with the union label on every article of manufacture will do more to boost Oregon than all the real estate boost and bellow circulars that ever went east to strew the floors of railroad depots.

If these "Made in Oregon" boosters want organized labor to boycott outside firms, for that is what their word-patter amounts to, let the union label be placed on the near side of the "Made in Oregon" label. Union-made in Chicago is better than scab-made in Portland.

SEND THEM UP.

The United States Supreme Court should imprison all the governors of the states for contempt of court. They have been finding fault with the decision of a corporation attorney on the Federal bench, who decided that the State of Minnesota had no right to interfere with a railroad's dividends on watered stock. Such lack of American spirit as the assembled governors displayed is shocking to every patriot. Why, first thing we know, we will be having the recall of Federal judges by the "mob." Put them in prison for life, your honors. No, not the judges, the governors.

The office-seeker will hatch out early in 1912. What a lot of friends the workingman will have!

Organized Labor

will greatly improve its financial condition by keeping Oregon money in Oregon.

Give "Oregon Made" Preference

Life insurance premiums paid to outside companies are a drain on this state and indirect drain on every worker.

GIVE YOUR LIFE INSURANCE TO

Oregon Life

The Only Company "EXCLUSIVELY OREGON"

THIS IS BEST FOR YOU AND BEST FOR ALL OTHER OREGONIANS. Home Office: Corbett Bldg., Fifth and Morrison Sts., Portland. A. L. MILLS, President. L. SAMUEL, Manager. CLARANCE S. SAMUEL, Assistant Manager.

COSTLY FAKE ARBITRATION.

The Woolwich, England, Pioneer sets forth that the railway workers of merrie England had a conciliation and arbitration act put in operation four years ago. It has cost for expenses to the workers over \$150,000 and resulted in wages going down in comparison with the cost of living.

The companies ignored awards against them, victimized witnesses, delayed hearings for from four to eighteen months, and placed their own interpretations upon clauses of obscure wording, and generally mocked and oppressed the men.

A royal commission is sifting out these facts with comparative rapidity since the great strike, but unless it moves with unexampled swiftness another strike will be treading on its heels, for the railway companies seem to be bound to have more trouble.

NOTHING TO IT.

A number of correspondents in the East are asking about "the recent recall of a supreme judge in Oregon." There was none. No talk of a recall of a supreme judge. No probability of any such event.

There has been no recall of any judge, not even of a justice of the peace. Oregon has had the power to recall judges and all other officers for three years. No attempt made to recall any state officer yet. A petition to recall one judge fell flat for want of signatures after getting out among the people.

When Oregon recalls any judge it will be because he needs it good and plenty. And that is what he'll get. Only official recalled in Oregon yet is a city councilman, who needed it badly.

BERKELEY TAX-DODGERS.

J. Stitt Wilson the Socialist mayor of Berkeley, California, is an avowed single taxer. His administration is making a wonderful success in many lines. Among other things it proposes to establish the Somers system of assessment, a proved and scientific method of making the owner of valuable lots come across the the people's treasury with his full quota of taxes. In Cleveland it nearly doubled the taxes paid by downtown property owners and reduced the taxes on the small property owners in the suburbs and outskirts.

IN THE POUND.

There are 76 miles of streets to be improved this winter under contracts held up by the efforts of the mayor. The Ellis amendment would apply if they are revoked and that would, with the present administration, result in the street paving companies losing some good money.

Under a new charter they might lose still more. The streets cannot be improved this winter. The contracts, if allowed, would have to be extended. A strong effort is being made to get these stray contracts out of the pound into which Mayor Rushlight has put them.

THE SAME MEN.

The old English parliamentary districts were formed centuries ago and never changed and at one time 32 men dictated who should fill 72 seats in the national legislature. A very few hundred men elected a majority of the law-making body. The aristocrats resisted bitterly any attempt to enlarge the suffrage or to abolish the rotten borough system. They succeeded for a generation, too.

Just as in this day and age the plunder element in society fights the recall of judges, so did the aristocracy of England oppose changes demanded by the then radicals—and by much the same arguments as our American special privileged classes oppose the recall, initiative, referendum and preference vote.

SOME CLASS.

In Australia farms for 200,000 are being prepared under gigantic irrigation schemes. No real estate speculators or grafters need apply. Rents will not be based on value of improvements. Towns laid out and sold to actual residents only. Houses, fences, roads, clearing, all done before the settler hits the ground. Some sense to this style of doing things.

The governor of Alabama is in accord with the un-democratic sentiment of the ruling classes of the darkest southern states. He has no use for the initiative, referendum and recall. They are coming, even in Alabama, but not until several other states have adopted these genuinely democratic measures. It is a deplorable fact that the Democrat of the South is so frequently anything but genuinely democratic in sentiment or opinion.

The Direct Legislation League of Colorado is out with an amendment to provide for the recall of judges patterned after the provisions of the Arizona clause Taft vetoed. All attempts to limit and joker the amendment in conference failed.

The union label in your hat-band means that you help teach respect for union men the world over.

EVERY CROOK.

Judge Cyrus McNutt of Los Angeles. "Every crook in California is against a suffrage, not those in jail partition but those who are out. The big corporate interests are against woman suffrage, many banks are against it. They—that there are now too many voters and would if they could choose the restriet themselves, eliminate many of the men voters."

There is one political office in the country that is generally overlooked in casting political horoscopes. That is the county assessor. There is a good opportunity for a progressive man to make a fight for that position on straight-out single tax lines. Half-hearted, tender-toed man afraid of horses, but an all-around hustler. The City of Whatcom, Washington, was carried an open and avowed single tax Republic last year, and the County of Multnomah, Oregon, can be swept by the same class man as Assessor Kaufman of Bellingham.

A labor paper cannot succeed unless it enjoys the good-will of the working class. This good-will manifests itself by patronizing those who advertise in its columns. It is known to the merchants you trade with. Help in this way to support your cause, means much to our movement.

The guild or workmen's union has been in existence since the seventh century of Christian era in England. Niver's history of England tells us "every workman had own wheel and loom, and belonged to a guild (union) of his craft or trade."

Olive Schreiner says: "That day when the woman takes her place beside the man in the government and arrangement of external affairs of her race will also be the day that heralds the death of war as a means of arranging human differences."

Oh! for a man to lead the van
And charge on the hosts of Wrong!
Oh! for a heart that will not start
In fear at the sight of the Strong!

A. B. Steinbach & Co.
Fourth and Morrison Sts.
Sole Agents
Carhartt's Working Clothes
"Best by Test"

Men of All Trades
Recommend
M. J. Walsh Co.
As the leading lighting fixture contractors, wiring contractors, and the contractors.
We thank them for it.
Salesrooms—
311 Stark Street,
Between 5th and 6th Streets

When You Buy

FIRE SETS

Buy the Best

ANDIRONS



WHEN YOU BUY
A BRIDGE, BEACH & CO.'S Heater you get the very best there is made in the stove line.
GOOD STOVES
at a fair price are much more satisfactory and less wasteful than inferior stoves at low prices.
OUR STOVE DEPARTMENT
is showing a large and most complete assortment of wood and coal burning Heaters. Call and look them over. It will be time well spent.

SEE OUR WINDOW DISPLAY

HONEYMAN HARDWARE COMPANY
FOURTH AND ALDER STREETS