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MINIMUM WAGE ISSUE AGAIN

Because Oregon was a pioneer in minimum wage legislation for women workers Oregonians will take a special interest in the newest phase of the minimum wage controversy. The supreme court of the District of Columbia has declared the minimum wage law of the District unconstitutional and the issue will once more be raised in the United States supreme court.

When the Oregon case was in the supreme court that body divided equally on the question, Justice Brandeis not participating as he had been connected with the case before his appointment to the supreme bench. This division in the highest court, while it upheld the Oregon law for the time being, did not settle the issue. The lower courts, however, have upheld legislation of this kind until the present instance. There will be much speculation as to the opinions of the members of the supreme court who have been named since the Oregon case was argued. The attitude, for example, of Chief Justice Taft is thought by some to be opposed to minimum wage legislation.

The suffrage amendment to the constitution seems to have had considerable influence with the District of Columbia court. The majority argued that women having received equal political rights should not ask for special consideration in business and industrial life.

The sufficient answer to that would seem to be that the acquisition of the right to vote did not change the fundamental relations of women to the human race, relations upon which the argument for minimum legislation for women has been based.

A MENACE TO FREE AMERICA

World Herald, Omaha, Neb. Children, in the principle involved, do not differ from their parents. If children may be taught only as the state wishes them taught and in the manner the state decrees, then it may as well be provided that adult citizens may read only what the state permits, may indulge only such study and research as the state sanctions, and may entertain only such thoughts profess such principles and ideals, as bear the imprimatur of the majority.

In other words, we shall no longer be citizens and freemen, but the property, the serfs of the state. Not only our bodies and our activities, but our minds and our thoughts, shall be the state's. All human beings shall be cast in that mold until death releases them. That way is the way of death and dissolution. Biology teaches that the way of progress is the way of deviation from type. Where everything is alike there is no change, no life, no hope. It is the man that is different who counts for something. It is he that stands alone, if need be, who helps ultimately to lift all his fellows a little above the existing level.

The public school is one of America's proudest contributions to democracy and civilization. No one holds it in higher regard than does this newspaper. It is invaluable because it is free. It has progressed because it has felt the stimulating spur of the competition of the private and parochial school. To flourish it has had to deserve to flourish. Establish it as an absolute monopoly, under majority control, and all the evils of monopoly will claim it for their own. And the rights of minorities, their rights in their homes, in their families, their rights to differ from the majority in ideals, in religion, in aspiration, will be in danger as grave as if the Praetorian guard were at the door.

Democracy can live only as it is supported by a free people. Despotism, enforced uniformity, whether imposed by a few or by the many, is its death warrant. The theory of the Oregon law is a menace to free America, and lovers of liberty will resist its spread.

Te no purpose is the country great, if the men are small. Life is more than life's circumstances, man more than his environment.

Short Stories

Teacher (seriously)—Do you know who is the laziest person in this room?

Percy (innocently)—I dunno.
Teacher—You ought to. Who is it, when everybody else is industriously studying, sits and watches the rest of the room or looks out of the windows?
Percy (brightening)—Why, you, Miss Jones.—New York Sun.

"I want a shave" said the determined looking man, as he climbed into the barber's chair. "I don't want a hair cut nor a shampoo. Neither do I want any bay rum, witch hazel, hair tonic, hot towels nor face massage. I don't want the manicure lady to hold my hand. I just want a plain shave, with no trimmings. Do you understand that?"

"Yes, sir," said the barber. "Will you have some lather on your face, sir?"

"Why have I never married?" The confirmed bachelor repeated a leading question. "Well, once upon a time in crowd I trod on a lady's gown. She turned, furiously, beginning: 'You clumsy brute!' Then she smiled sweetly, and said: 'Oh, I beg your pardon. I thought you were my husband. No, it really doesn't matter in the least.'" —Pittsburg Chronicle Telegraph.

Motorist—I have not paid a cent for repairs on that machine during all the ten months that I've had it.
Prospective Buyer—So the man who repaired it told me.—Exchange.

Charlie—But I asked you, dearest, to keep our engagement a secret for the present.

Claire—I couldn't help it. That hateful Ella said the reason I wasn't married was because no fool had proposed to me, so I told her you had.—Exchange.

In her language, Nancy Allison was inclined to be what her brother called "gushing." One summer she took an automobile trip through the country. On her return she was giving an enthusiastic description of one fine old town to her family.

"It was perfectly charming! Such wonderful old doorways and the quaintest old inn!" She paused, searching for a word. "It was—unique!"

Brother Ned had been listening gravely to the rhapsody.

"Unique," he said, quietly. "That's a fine word. Let's see. 'Unus, one; 'Equus, horse. 'One-horse' town. Good!" and without waiting for anyone to criticize his interpretation of the word, he promptly took his departure.

HOW SHALL I GET RID OF A BAD HABIT?

"How shall I a habit break?"
As you did that habit make.
As you gathered, you must lose;
As you yielded, now refuse.
Thread by thread the strands we twist.

"Till they bind us, neck and wrist;
Thread by thread the patient hand
Must untwine, ere free we stand.
As we builded, stone by stone,
We must toil, unhelped, alone,
'Till the wall is overthrown.
But remember, as we try,
Lighter every test goes by:
Wading in, the stream grows deep
Towards the center's downward sweep,
Backward turn, each step ashore
Shallower is than that before.

Ah, the precious years we waste
Leveling what we raised in haste;
Doing what must be undone
Ere content or love be won!
First, across the gulf we cast
Kite-born threads till lines are passed,
And habit builds the bridge at last.
—John Boyle O'Reilly.

CARD OF THANKS

For the many kindnesses and floral offerings extended us in our recent bereavement we wish to thank our many friends from the bottom of our hearts.

MR. AND MRS. H. J. WILLIAMSON
MR. AND MRS. GEORGE PAYNE
MR. AND MRS. J. B. SMITH.

The work of collecting signatures to a petition to present an anti-parochial school constitutional amendment to the voters of Michigan next spring will have to be done all over again, according to a ruling handed down by the state attorney-general. New lists are held necessary. Proponents of the amendment had collected nearly 100,000 signatures for their petition with the idea of bringing the matter to a vote in the recent election.

Thanksgiving Dinner

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REPUBLICANS HOLD LEAD IN CONGRESS

Majority of Ten in Senate and Fifteen in House Is Indicated.

Washington, D. C.—On the face of the election returns, the exact lineup by parties in the sixty-eighth congress will be:

House—Republicans 225, democrats 207, socialists 1, independent 1, farmer-labor 1.

Senate—Republicans 53, democrats 42, farmer-labor 1.

In the present senate the republicans have sixty members and the democrats thirty-six, a republican majority of twenty-four.

In the house the republicans, on the basis of unofficial returns, will have a majority of fifteen over the combined strength which could be mustered against them by the democrats and others and a plurality of eighteen over the democrats as a party unit. In the present house the republicans have a majority of 165 over all and a plurality of 166 over the democrats.

Besides these changes, all of which become effective after the sixty-seventh congress expires on March 4 next, will be some immediate shifts in the totals. There were eight vacancies in the present house due to deaths and resignations, and unofficial returns show that of these the republicans captured six. Filling of vacancies will make the house lineup at the start of the forthcoming special sessions 302 republicans, 132 democrats and 1 socialist.

RAILROADS DENIED REDUCTION IN RATES

Washington, D. C.—Transcontinental railroads were denied authority by the interstate commerce commission to reduce rates on traffic originating east of the Rocky mountains, or destined therefor, to or from Pacific coast terminals for the purpose of meeting water competition. The commission held that the amended fourth section of the commerce act made it mandatory on the commission to deny any tariff changes which did not assure reasonably compensatory rates to the carriers.

The railroads, the commission said, had failed to prove that the rates proposed to compete with the ocean carriers would be reasonably compensatory. The commission also saw in the proposed rate change a violation of section 3 of the commerce act, which provides that there must be no discrimination between shippers. The effect of the decision is to leave the present rates to and from the Pacific coast unchanged.

He Never Spoke Again

A ventriloquist, who had a worthless dog and no money, hit upon a clever scheme to convert the former into the latter, and, going into a restaurant, took a seat, the dog sitting on the floor beside the chair.

When the waiter came the ventriloquist turned to the dog with the query:

"Well, Jack, what will you have?"

The waiter nearly collapsed when he apparently heard the dog answer: "A ham and beef sandwich."

Then he hastened to the proprietor. "I say, gov'nor" he exclaimed, "there's a dog over there that can talk."

It immediately struck the proprietor that such a dog could draw customers, so after hearing the animal talk he began bargaining for him.

The dog, during the haggling over the price, begged in so realistic a manner not to be sold that the restaurant keeper became the more determined to have him, and at last agreed to the ventriloquist's price, \$20.

As the trickster started for the door with the money, the dog inquired: "Have you really sold me?"

"Yes, Jack, I've sold you," was the reply.

"Well," said the dog, "mark my words, I'll never speak again."

I saw the wonder of a living soul Within this book. Its elements appear As features of a face; high purpose here;

There faith as deep as death in rhythmic roll

Swells high in sequent waves, and shoal on shoal

The music of sweet words outpour; light-clear

Truth haloes every thought, and fear No title swerves him from his purpose goal

And then the anguish calling loud but brave

For balm of justice; guilelessly as child

Whom Christ set in their midst his worship lays

He at his Father's feet; his heart he gave

Entire and unrestrained, an undefiled,

A glorious instrument of richest praise.

M. J. O'Riordan, in America.

Classified Ads.

Advertisements under this heading 10c per line first insertion. Minimum charge, 25c. Count six words to the line

FREE ADS.

The Herald will print, without charge, advertisements coming under the following heads: Work wanted, help wanted.

FOR SALE OR RENT—Good, heavy overcoat; medium size, \$5. 5736 86th St. S. E. Auto. 644-50. 46-1f

CALL R. HEYTING, phone 625-67, for sand and gravel delivered at a reduced price. 17-1f

FOR SALE—Dress suit, white vest, gloves, shirt, some dress collars. Apply The Herald. 21-1f

FOR SALE—Large garage business and building, center of Mount St. Address, 402 Couch bldg. 42-1f

ELDERLY man, who speaks German and French, would like to find a home where he could do light work part of the week in exchange for room and, perhaps, breakfast, 2 or 3 days a week. 39-1f

WANTED—Men or women to take orders for genuine guaranteed hosiery for men, women and children. Eliminates darning. Salary \$50 a week full time, \$1 an hour spare time. Experience unnecessary. International Stocking Mills, Norristown, Pa. 42-51Pd

FOR SALE—Protectograph, check writer. Call 622-28. 21-1f

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EVENINGS AT HOME

Nightfall comes early now, and the chill winter air makes a good fire twice grateful. The lamps are lighted and as we gather around the table a sense of domestic satisfaction settles down to which in the summer time we are almost strangers. So the law of compensations ever works. We are robbed of the long days and of most of the outdoor enjoyment. But we are awarded those blessings which are inseparable from the family life and from the shadow of the old roof-tree. Evenings at home? What we owe to them can never be computed. Their influence has been powerful, far-reaching and benign. They have often entered more into the making of a perfect manhood than all the days and years at school and college. They have furnished rich treasure of blessed memories and high purposes. On such evenings the lady and maidens should have their light employments. The embroidery needle will help to pass the hours away. Games and music are sometimes in-

dispensable. Nor should we omit to enumerate good books. A home well stocked with them is infinitely better than a balance at the bankers. "Books are the true fields where the spirits of the dead converse and into these fields a mortal many venture unappalled. You may walk and talk with kings and queens of thought on a perfect equality. They do not ask how much money you possess, what was the cost of your clothing nor what is the size of the house you dwell in. They only want you to bring an understanding heart, seeing eyes and listening ears and they will make you perfectly at home."

But not every book should be welcomed to the charmed circles of family life. Parents should exercise a wise supervision over the literature their children read on these peaceful evenings at home.—Watchman.

The self-satisfied are rarely good for anything. As teachers they are fatally incompetent.

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Think Right

Think smiles, and smiles shall be; Think doubt, and hope will flee. Think love, and love will grow; Think hate, and hate you'll know. Think good, and good is here; Think vice, its claws appear! Think joy, and joy no'er ends; Think gloom, and dusk descends; Think faith, and faith's at hand; Think ill, it stalks the land. Think peace, sublime and sweet, And you that peace will meet, Think fear, with brooding mind, And failure's close behind. Think this: "I'm going to win!" Think not on what has been. Think victory—think "I can!" Then you're a winning man!

—David V. Bush.

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