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BERLIN'S LABOR BUREAU.
 A Municipal Institution That Has Proved a Help to Workers.

Germany, of all countries, seems to have gone forward halfway to meet the "problem of the unemployed." In 1907, through the Berlin Labor Exchange, 158,098 applicants for positions at the exchange brought 119,915 employers to that place seeking help and finding places for 95,678 of these applicants.

If the applicant for registration were a member of a trades union, no fee for registration was exacted, his union paying a lump sum of \$200 for its membership. If he were not a unionist, his fee was 5 cents for registration.

The exchange occupies a huge four story building in the eastern part of the city, with current annual expenses of \$25,000. Fifteen thousand dollars of this sum is contributed by the city. The remainder is supplied through trades unions' contributions and by the fees paid in by applicants.

The chief feature of the exchange building is the great assembly hall, arranged with comfortable benches, where unskilled men, waiting for the call of employers, may assemble in comfort. Having his registration ticket, the applicant may have free use of the hall, and for the period of three months its cheap canteen, its cheap baths and cheap bootmaking and tailoring shops are available at nominal prices.

Agencies for the skilled workmen are conducted by their respective trades unions. Workmen securing employment have paid only the three months' initial fee of 5 cents, while the employer securing help pays nothing.

Altogether there are three general divisions of the unemployed as congregated in the exchange--the unskilled men, the skilled workmen and the women applicants. Positions are offered the unemployed along the line of strict precedence. Only those present when the employer calls are considered. At the same time preference is given the married men over those that are unmarried.

The German capital considers the municipal venture a success, as not only Berlin employers, but employers from the provinces, have been making free use of the institution.

TAFT PRAISES UNIONS.
 Condemns Employers Who Refuse to Deal With Organized Labor.

President Taft in his recent speech at Chicago paid organized labor the highest compliment. If he were a workman he would deem it wise to belong to the union of his craft, he declared. He remarked that the country owed much to organized labor's opposition to socialism in this country, saying on that point, in part:

"I need not point out the deplorable results in this country if trades unionism became a synonym for socialism. Those who are now in active control, the Federation of Labor and all the great railroad organizations, have set their faces like flint against the propaganda of socialistic principles. They are in favor of the rights of property and of our present institutions, modified by such remedial legislation as to put workmen on an equality with their opponents in trade controversies and trade contracts and to stamp out the monopoly and the corporate abuses which are an outgrowth of our present system unaccompanied by proper limitation.

"I think all of us who are in favor of the maintenance of our present institutions should recognize this battle which has been carried on by the conservative and influential members of trades unionism and willingly give credit to these men as the champions of a cause which should command our sympathy, respect and support."

Other important statements made by President Taft were:

He proposes to recommend to congress legislation looking to a proper definition of the cases in which preliminary injunctions might issue without notice and defusing the proper procedure in such matters.

He believes the employer who declines to deal with organized labor and to recognize it as a proper element in the settlement of wage controversies is behind the times.

There is not the slightest doubt that if labor had remained unorganized wages would be very much lower.

He regards the organization of labor as one of the strong factors contributing to the high standard of living among American laborers.

Aim of Trades Unionism.
 Unionism should not be judged by its worst features, but by its general characteristics. It does not ask to be judged by its best qualities. There is good and bad in all institutions. Their real value lies in their general attributes. Unionism has objectionable features, but even these when properly understood lose much of their objectionableness.

The real test of an institution lies in its helpfulness to those who need help. The union stands for the progress of the plain people. Its word is personality. Its aim is to lift the standard of toiling manhood and womanhood. It has done much and will do more to make the multitude happier and better. To criticize it apart from a recognition of this purpose is to do it an injustice.

A Mighty Labor Army.
 There are more wageworkers in Chicago than there are inhabitants in either of the cities of Louisville, Jersey City, Indianapolis, St. Paul, Providence, Rochester, Kansas City, Mo., and Toledo.--Chicago Tribune.

HINTS FOR FARMERS

Rye a Good Horse Feed.
 Rye is a good grain to feed horses. It is equal to oats and wheat, but it must be ground middling fine and mixed with cut straw or cut hay, writes J. W. Ingham in the American Cultivator.

The straw or hay should be cut into half inch lengths, moistened with water and the rye meal well mixed with it. It is very sticky, and horses cannot get the meal without eating the straw or hay with it. In feeding corn to horses we always grind half rye with the corn to make the corn stick to the cut straw. Corn and rye ground together in equal proportions and mixed with bright cut straw moistened with water make a well balanced ration, equally as good, as eagerly sought after by horses and a cheaper horse feed than oats and hay.

I have fed hundreds of bushels of clear rye mixed with straw and also rye and corn meal mixed with straw, and always with excellent results. This cut feed has been our usual and almost constant feed for working farm horses ever since we commenced farming more than fifty years ago. Clear rye meal is not acceptable to horses on account of its extreme stickiness. It sticks to the lips, tongue and teeth so tenaciously the horse becomes disgusted with it.

Money in the Sheep Flock.
 It has been shown that sheep manure is worth as much pound for pound as most high priced fertilizers, writes H. E. Allen in the American Agriculturist. It is also known that seeds eaten by sheep do not germinate, which is more than can be said of seeds eaten by other farm animals. But probably the most practical question in the average farmer's mind is whether sheep are a profitable proposition on the farm. Although the sheep business, like all other enterprises, has its ups and downs, it is a very severe time indeed when a small flock of sheep will not pay its way. There is no other class of live stock that possesses so many sources of income. They produce two harvests, lambs and wool, not to mention the benefits given the land in the shape of fertilizer and their value as weed destroyers.

Value of a Separator.
 No dairyman can afford to be without some good separator. A separator will remove practically all the butter fat from the milk, while the old method of skimming may leave as much as 25 per cent of all the butter fat in the skim milk. Butter fat is certainly too expensive for hog feed. Any good separator will leave less than five one-hundredths of 1 per cent of butter fat in the skim milk and thus will effect a saving of from \$4.50 to \$8 per month per cow over the old fashioned gravity systems of creaming. In addition to this it is well to bear in mind that with a hand separator a richer and better cream can be skimmed and that the skim milk can by this system be fed immediately while still in a warm, sweet condition.--J. H. Franson, Idaho Experiment Station.

Profit in Pure Bred Cows.
 Many farmers have exaggerated ideas about the cost of pure bred cows and the expense of maintaining them. It is the same with regard to a large yield of milk or butter. Of course good cows cost something, but they make up for it by producing something. It is better to pay a little more at the start in order to make a great deal more in the end, for that is what you do. As to feed and care, the good cow will pay these back altogether in a better way than the poor cow. The latter is not likely to return the investment, let alone any profit. The good cow, too, will not eat such a great lot more than the poor one and sometimes not even so much. Figure up the case properly and you will decide to keep only the best cows. It pays to do so.--Farm and Home.

Worms in Hogs.
 If hogs have persistent coughs and do not live in dusty houses it is pretty safe to say they have worms. There are many medicines, but perhaps the best vermifuge is copperas. One-half pound of copperas dissolved in quite warm water and mixed in the slop will be enough for 100 head of pigs. This dose should be given for five mornings, then wait a few days and repeat if necessary. For a smaller number than 100 head give a good big dram to each one. This remedy is cheap and safe.--Denver Field and Farm.

Testing the Well.
 Before going down into a well test the purity of the air by lowering a lighted candle or lantern, says the American Cultivator. If the light is dim or goes out the poisonous carbonic acid gas "damps" can be driven out by lighting a quantity of turpentine and sawdust or kerosene and rags in a kettle and lowering to the surface of the water and later pouring several bucketfuls of water into the well from the top. Test again with the lantern and note the improvement.

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