The Dignity of Labor

A Story Showing Its Change in Half a Century

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PASS A LAW

A few months very eventful last winter in the New-York, New-Hartford & London Railroad.

The chairman of the board, after considerable group discussion, adopted the following resolution: "The board of directors, feeling that the time is at hand when the company should show its appreciation of the loyalty and service of its employees, have decided to pass a law which will afford a better working environment for the company's workers."

The resolution was then referred to a committee of three, consisting of Messrs. A. L. Bland, W. J. Ford, and J. H. Drake, with instructions to report the law on the following Saturday morning in the presence of the entire membership of the company.

The committee met on the appointed day, and after considerable discussion, reported the following law:


Whereas, the company has been in operation for nearly a century, and during that time has rendered invaluable service to the public;

And Whereas, the company has recently been engaged in a labor dispute with its employees, which has resulted in a loss of business and a decrease in the company's profits;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the company shall pass a law which will provide for a 10% increase in wages for all employees, and for the establishment of a pension fund for all retired employees.

This resolution was adopted by the board, and the law was duly passed on the following Saturday, to the great satisfaction of all concerned.

Evidently, the chairman of the board was right in his action. The company has since made substantial gains in business, and the employees have shown their appreciation by working longer hours without additional compensation.

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Did You Know?

That the dealer or agent who advertises but not in the Recorder thus indicates that he is indifferent to your trade.

That you can not expect to deal with a merchant who does not advertise to your trade and not in the Recorder.

If you can not carry on business without the Recorder you are not prepared for business.

If you carry the Recorder, it is because you have a confidence in its ability to protect your interests.

If you do not carry the Recorder you are doing business without an agency for the protection of your interests.

In order to get bills, you must pay for them. In order to get bills, you must keep the Recorder in your hands.

If you have the Recorder, you have your bills; if you have your bills, you have your protection.

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