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EDITORIALS

THE "RIGHT" TO WORK

As The New York Times pertinently points out, the most frequently heard argument in defense of the legality of the sit down strike is that employees have a vested "property right" in their jobs.
The fact of the matter is, The Times says, that the "right" to a particular job but the "right" to work and earn a living.
"Suppose a worker turns out to be unfitted for the task in hand, through no fault of his own, but simply because he is not qualified by temperament or by training or by ability for this kind of work," The Times continues.

"Or suppose that he turns out to be lazy, intemperate, or insubordinate? Can it be seriously argued that anything but chaos would result if, in either of these circumstances, the worker had a 'property right' to this particular job, and that the management ought to have no power to replace him with a better man? What price would the consumer pay for his goods under such a regime? How long could any industry keep going?"

In some establishments, it is impossible for an employer to fire an employee for incompetence without a strike on his hands. The unions insist the employee has a "property right" in his job.

Carried to its logical conclusion, that would mean that employees also have a "property right" in the thing that supplied their job—namely the firm. They would, therefore, be on an equal footing with investors.
Does the hired man who chops weeds for the farmer own the hoe he uses? Does the maid have a property right in the washing machine she runs for her mistress? Does the stenographer own the typewriter her boss furnishes?

Those last questions seem silly, but are they any sillier than the argument that a factory employee owns the job in which he works and therefore a part of the factory?

MORALLY WRONG

One of the main arguments used in defense of the plan to "pack" the Supreme Court is that a tribunal of nine men is incapable of handling the large number of cases appealed

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to it. The intimation is that the Court is far behind in its work and needs new hands and minds to help catch up.
This would be an excellent argument if true. But not long ago, Attorney-General Cummings, in his annual report, gave the Court high praise for the manner in which it handled cases and kept its docket relatively small. And now new evidence to this effect comes from the highest authority on Court procedure—Charles E. Hughes, Chief Justice of the United States.

In a letter to Senator Wheeler, introduced as testimony in the Senate hearings on the Court plan, the Chief Justice shows statistically that the Court is fully abreast of its work. At its last session, it actually heard cases in which writs of certiorari had been granted less than a month before. When the Court rose on March 15 for recess, only a handful of cases remained for disposition.

Then the Chief Justice said definitely that an increase in membership of the Court would not, in his opinion, be in the interest of efficiency and speedy disposition of cases. To the contrary, "There would be more judges to hear, more judges to confer, more judges to discuss, more judges to be convinced and to decide."

The truth of the matter is that advocates of the Court plan use such empty arguments as camouflage and window dressing. Honest witnesses in defense of the plan, frankly admit they want a Court with a different economic and social viewpoint—in other words, a Court which will "write" law rather than interpret it. In this connection, the American people would do well to ponder the words of Senator Burton Wheeler, an old-time liberal. "If it is morally wrong for a private litigant to pack a jury, if it is morally wrong for a private litigant to pack a court, it's just as wrong for the government as a litigant to pack the Court."

JAMES BYBEE DIES
James William Walker Bybee, Jackson county native and prominent cattle rancher, died in a local hospital at 11:30 Saturday night after a brief illness. He was 81 years old.
Funeral services were held in the Perl chapel at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon. Dr. Sherman L. Divine, pastor of the First Presbyterian church officiated. Interment took place in the Jacksonville cemetery and the Masonic lodge of Jacksonville conducted a grave-side service.

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First Grade News

The following items were written by pupils in the first grade of the Central Point school as part of their regular school work for the purpose of increasing their vocabularies. They will appear each week:

Wednesday, April 14, 1937.
It is very warm this morning. Such rain has fallen. The snow in the hills is melting. The river and creeks are very high. There is so much water in the ground it is soft.
Happy birthday, Richard! He is eight years old today. Donald will be eight tomorrow too.
This is Be Kind to Animals week. We are learning how to care for our pets.

High School Notes

The senior play cast for "The Charm School" is having daily rehearsals over the entire play now. Everyone who attends is sure to have an evening of pleasant entertainment. The date of production is April 23.

The Central Point baseball team suffered its first defeat of the year Friday night when Talent led by a score of 9-5.

This six weeks tests were given and students tried hard to "make the mark."
Members of the Christian Endeavor of the Federated church enjoyed a weiner roast at Bybee's Bridge Friday night.
Everest Alley, who is conducting evangelistic services at the Christian church spoke to the assembled stu-

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dents on the subject of crime Friday afternoon.

The athletic pictures for the annual were taken Friday morning.
Janice Nealon passed the short-hand 100 words a minute test recently with only two errors over a five minute period.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Jewett entertained Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Grimes and family, and Blue O'Connor at dinner Sunday.

Millie McCord attended the service at the Methodist church in Medford Sunday evening.

Roberta and Norma Jean Wertz shopped in Medford Saturday afternoon.

Marion Strayer bicycled near Medford Sunday afternoon.
George Conger shopped in Medford Saturday.

Edith and Leatha Vincent went flower picking in the Willow Springs district Sunday afternoon.
Mary Lou Gerber shopped in Medford Saturday evening.

Laura Belle Caldwell hiked near the Millard home Sunday morning.

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John P. Terrett on Leave from Navy

John P. Terrett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dade R. Terrett of 713 West Tenth street spent a brief leave of absence from the United States navy at his home here. He is serving on the destroyer Hovey which is now based at San Diego, Cal. After

fleet maneuvers which begin the latter part of this month, Terrett is to be transferred to the destroyer Tanager for duty with the mine division, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, this tour duty to last 18 months. He returned Monday for duty on the Hovey. He enlisted in the navy here April 17, 1935.
John Terrett is a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Terrett.

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