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THE REPUBLICAN ACORN

Nothing is more pitiful these spectacular days than the wails of republicanism and big business—the two, somehow, seem naturally to align themselves together—anent industrial unrest, weak governmental policies and the injustice that is done daily to the tender-hearted capitalists of the country.

Democracy is beset, it is true, with a broth of industrial troubles today unsurpassed in our national history. There are some bitter dregs, such as the Hun-like outrage at Centralia. A stern hand is needed for such. And, indeed, at this moment a strong hand is collaring them for quick deportation or punishment.

Away back in the years when Americans burst westward into the richness of new lands, republicanism held sway. Save for redeeming flashes, it was blind republicanism. It was narrow-sighted. Its spectacles were rimmed with the statistics of big business. Beyond them it seldom cast a glance. They filled the narrow, circumscribed foreground.

Capital and labor, naturally, are ever see-sawing more or less. Elimination of this on a basis of justice was never sought by republicanism. Other than such rattling emptiness as "the full dinner-bucket," justice to labor was never dealt by republican administrations.

When necessity spoke, they acted. They sought to stop the see-saw that was growing temulentive. But they seized, invariably, capital's end of the teeter-board and they steadied the thing from that angle. They could not see beyond the fulcrum. They could not see the bitterness of those on the other end of the see-saw, ground into the mud.

Respectable labor in America has come to the fore of late years. It has cried its injustices, and democracy has heard them. A mutual understanding, a workable middle ground has been taken by the government. Through the maelstrom of throttled, silenced voices it is carefully impartially threading. The nation may thank its leaders today that the storm broke with fair, square minds in the high places.

Long, long ago, in the height of their glory, republican administrations planted their acorn. Now that capital fears the resultant mighty oak will despoil their lush, private garden, they turn with curious ingratitude and blame the unrest of 1919 upon the present administration.

KNICKERBOCKERS NEXT

The country has ceased to gasp at the farmerette's denim pantaloons, and at the overalls of the women who worked at men's jobs during the war under conditions where skirts were not only cumbersome but actually dangerous. The idea is beginning to percolate through the puritan mind that modesty is more a matter of the mental attitude than of the covering of collarbone and ankles.

The latest step is the arrival of a lady from Holland wearing black satin knickerbockers. The reporter who interviewed her at the steamer said they "were caught at the knees and trimmed with gold brocade." The wearer merely stated that she liked them because they were comfortable and allowed freedom of movement. She predicted their vogue in America.

And why, after all, should not women be comfortable and motion-free? If knickers of black satin or blue serge or khaki or anything else will give them comfort and freedom, on with knickers! Women will hardly be likely to give up frilly skirts and filmy draperies for house and evening wear, where they are unobjectionable and undeniably attractive.

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The Community Index—

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Airplane Missing—

practical joke was played on Hal-Frank Smith's airplane, so he now travels by Ford. Tracers have been sent out, who think they have located the guilty parties, but are unable to find the airplane. Perhaps if a liberal reward were offered it might be recovered. Suffice it to say, that said airplane is a new style of weather vane, which Mr. Smith himself built and hoisted in the corner of his yard the day before Halloween.—Lebanon Express.

Wool Growers Will Meet—

Oregon Wool Growers will hold their 22nd annual convention at Newport during the Pacific International Livestock Exposition on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 20 and 21. The sessions will be held in the assembly hall of the Exchange Building, Union Stock Yards. All wool growers in the state, whether members of the Wool Growers' Association or not, are requested to attend.

Hello, Mars—

An airplane landed near our city, on the Sauers farm across Cow creek and for two nights we really had an airplane visiting our city. Rather many ladies and gentlemen and all of our young people and children paid court to the strange visitor. The dream of wisecracks has been fully realized and navigating the air an acknowledged fact. And we expect the next great stride of advancement will be establishing communi-

cation with nearby planets. All seems possible to 20th century genius. Roseburg Review

Coos Wants Roads—

Coos county proposes to match dollars with the state highway commission if possible, when roads are built under the new proposed plan of issuing bonds to the amount of \$1,200,000, says the Coos Bay Harbor. At least an attempt will be made to have that body go on record as favoring a certain outlined plan before we go ahead with the bond issue here.

Some Free Advice—

The mother who allows her sixteen-year-old daughter to float around the township in a buggy or auto until two a.m., with a counterfeit sport of weak jaw and weaker morals merely opens the front door to grief and disgrace, says the Lebanon Express. If you don't know what company your daughter keeps or what time of night she turns in, your roar, when the gossip gets busy, will be about as pathetic as the wheezes from a jewehary.

Dr Ingalls' Medicine—

Having spewed out Victor Berger the House of Representatives should take another emetic and get rid of Voight, the only man who voted to let him retain his seat.

—Gazette—Times

Time To Clean House—

This is no time for mincing words. With those four ex-service men lying stark and stiff at Centralia—men who escaped the dangers of the battle field only to be struck down at home by enemies within the nation—it is time to see to it that every organization and individual that is warring against the United States from within is given the short shrift that is accorded to an enemy in war time.

—Register

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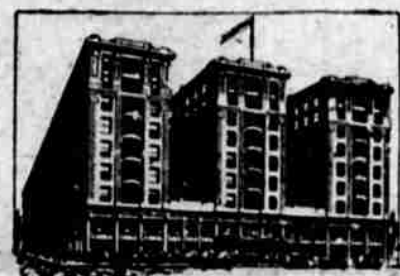
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