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Ye Smudge Pot By Arthur Perry.

Wage Slave No. 789,123,456,128,123 herewith returns to the shackles of Capitalism, and how to the domination of Wall Street, after a two weeks parole from economic injustice.

It is a great wonder some financial genius would not grasp Opportunity by the hindler, and erect a dance pavilion in the rural districts.

NOT KNOCKING ANYBODY (Marshfield News) The North Fork Ladies' Aid society met at the home of Mrs. Emma Carlson last Wednesday.

The Governor of Indiana will not allow Mr. Jack Dempsey to further paralyze one Jack Brennan on Labor Day, the latter's willingness being exceeded only by his helplessness.

HARK YE! THE SOUP (Pendleton East Oregonian) Mrs. Ruth Music was the dinner guest of Mrs. Geo. Emrich Monday.

As the national prohibition director alleges, "Oregon is the driest spot in America." The allegation is further substantiated by the large amount of cotton spitting that is going on in all sections.

The Salvation Army drive for funds is not progressing with wild enthusiasm. The Salvation Army should have made a sublime fizzle out of distributing cigarettes in France, and built an athletic stadium in France after the war was over, to get proper financial recognition.

A gentle rain descended on the adjacent terrain Sun eve, its docility being .63. It is such tricks of Nature as this, that puts rouge on the sides of pears facing Old Sol.

Erection of a new phone pole at Main Stem and Via Grappa is a step forward, and will relieve the congestion of homegrown diplomats draped over the Nash Corner mail box.

The deer hunting season opened yesterday, and a clinic will be inaugurated to enable hunters to distinguish Man and the noises he makes in the timber, from members of the Cervus Alces family. All persons bringing down one of the latter by any chance, are invited to bring the horns around to this office for observation.

HAVE YOU CLUCKED? (Peoria Star-News) B. O'N.—Sometime ago I applied the skin of an egg to a boll upon my face. The boll disappeared, leaving a scar, from which several gray feathers are growing. Am much worried about them, and wish you would advise me how to remove them.

The fighting in Ireland has "lulled," and the same condition prevails in County O'Jackson.

Some of the Galshevid have been called to the colors, the fall styles calling for plenty of red. An effort is being made to have the women folks take as much time to pick out a governor, as they do a hat.

While away your corr. passed thru the Sacramento valley bean raising districts, and it hustled the growers to get them picked before they cooked on the vines.

John Mann, Jr., was punched in the right temple by his back porch Fri. pni.

A man is not a cigarette fiend until he has three of them burning at the same time—one on the floor, one on his desk, and one in his mouth.

GOMPERS ATTACKS HARDING.

SAMUEL GOMPERS' attack upon the president's message was to be expected. As leader of the American Federation of Labor, he must oppose any effort to curtail organized labor's exercise of antitrust power, or be thrown out of office by his own followers.

Nevertheless Gompers is opposing any effort to secure a working arrangement between labor and capital, which will protect the American people from such disasters as the present railroad strike threatened, is serving organized labor an ill turn. For nothing is more certain, than that organized labor needs a more liberal and unselfish spirit, if it is to survive.

True a different spirit is needed on the other side, but popular feeling toward organized labor is such, that the initiative must be taken by the forces which Gompers represents.

As usual, the federation leader has a great deal to say about wage slavery. Under the President's program he maintains railroad workers will have to go to work whether they feel like it or not, which "allows the probability of enforcing labor on everyone, whether wage workers or not."

Of course, this is all tommy rot and Mr. Gompers knows it. A compulsory labor law in certain districts might be a good thing, but it is an impossible thing. No law can make a man work, no law can prevent a man from not working.

All that President Harding asked was that, as far as the railroads are concerned, disputes between capital and labor be decided not by labor or capital, but by a court, in which both factions and the public would be represented. Then he asked that if labor refused to abide by a decision of that court, and called a strike in protest, the government be allowed to run the railroads with labor that was willing to work, and that protection to such workers be legally provided.

There is no more reason to assume the decisions of such a court would be unfair to labor than to capital, would be any less proper, than the decisions of the Interstate Commerce commission, or any court of law.

For in the last analysis public opinion is the deciding factor in all controversies of this kind, and a labor court would be as powerless to defy public opinion as any other court in the country today.

The president's contention was essentially sound. Some such arrangement as he proposes must be secured, if industrial chaos is to be avoided. In this controversy the president represents the people and Mr. Gompers in our judgment, merely represents the radical self-interested wing of organized labor.

Quill Points

The love of money is also the root of all industry. The greener the pitcher, the greater the wind-up. At any rate, the railway labor board knows how an umpire feels. Spare the rod and you won't have any way to relieve your grouch. The nuts protected by the tariff are not the only nuts connected with that measure.

Animal instinct seems much less wonderful when you see a dog nosing about a mule's hind leg.

It's carrying democracy a little too far when every second-rate team has a home run king.

The industrial combatants seem determined to fight it out with this lyin' if it takes all summer.

Of course nobody knows the exact location of hell, but we appear to be headed in the right direction.

And so a meat diet is making the Japanese soldier taller. That's odd. It keeps us short in this country.

The Russians may be on short rations, but at least they are not required to listen to a saxophone while eating.

Speaking of dismal failures, there's the mother's effort to speak sweetly to an impudent child when company is present.

Love is the quality that persuades a wife not to admit, even to herself that her husband is no smarter than he ought to be.

They say our present coal supply will last four thousand years, and it appears likely that the public's patience will, also.



Rippling Rhymes by Walt Mason

LIFE'S ROAD. A LONG life's road I bear my load, which chafes my jaded shoulders; with little rest I travel west among the stumps and boulders.

Sometimes I shed some teardrops red, by weariness I'm smitten; the trip's a bore, my legs are sore, where country dogs have bitten. The night is dark and I must park my person in a stable, and ere I sleep I sometimes weep as fiercely as I'm able. The night is damp and I must camp where rain and thunder pound me, the night is cold and I must fold a burlap sack around me. And such is life; its storm and strife give me the peagreen willies; a thousand groan, a thousand moan where two kick round like fillies. Noy comes a knave with hand made grave, he's strongly recommending, he says, "Lie here, and all your fear and grief will have an ending. This grave," says he, "I guarantee to finish all your troubles; just climb right in, and woe and sin and care will flee like bubbles." "I want no tomb," I say, "my gloom is merely grand stand playing; I'll bear my pack along the track, the sunshine on me playing. Men frown and scowl, they hoot and howl, denouncing life's dark journey, but they all balk when salesmen talk of lots in churchyards ferny."

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

- 1-What are two synonyms for the word sad? 2-On what frontier is Mt. Everest? 3-What is the degree of heat in an acetylene flame? 4-How many presidents of the United States were sons of preachers? 5-In what country was the roller skate first patented? 6-Is there any chemical which will soften glass? 7-When was the U. S. court of claims established? 8-How is the percentage of baseball teams established? 9-What is the leading industry of New York City? 10-When is the best time to plant peonies?

Answers to Yesterday's Questions

- 1-What two countries contain one-half the population of the world? Ans. India and China. 2-What are two synonyms for the word abscond? Ans. Decamp and depart. 3-Where was General U. S. Grant born? Ans. Point Pleasant, Ohio. 4-Where is the Gogebic range? Ans. In northern Michigan. 5-How was butter first made? Ans: The milk was placed in bags and was thrown over the back of joggling horses. 6-Why was the Royal Northwest Police force organized? Ans. The force was organized to preserve order in the territory northwest of Lake Superior. 7-How long has the organization been in existence? Ans. Since 1873. 8-What percentage of criminals are old offenders. Ans. About 40 per cent. 9-What four cities in the United States have the largest area? Ans. Los Angeles, New Orleans, New York and Chicago. 10-How can organandy be made stiff and crisp? Ans. Add one teaspoon of gum arabic to each quart of boiling water.

Bible Questions and Answers

- 1. What important post in his army did Saul assign to Abner? 2. For whom was the city of Enoch named? 3. How old was Adam when Seth was born? 4. Who was the first martyr of the Bible? 5. What did David take with him when he went to fight Goliath? 6. When her dancing pleased King Herod, what did he promise Salome? Answers to Saturday's Questions: 1. Moses burnt the golden calf that Aaron had made for the people to worship. 2. Obed was the son of Boaz and Ruth.

2. Aaron's death occurred on Mount Hor. 4. Nabai, Abigail's husband, died, thus leaving her free to become David's wife. 5. Abihu and his brother Nadab offered strange "fire" to the Lord and was consequently consumed by fire from Heaven. 6. Aaron and Elisheba was the father and mother of Abihu.

Bible Thought for Today

HE REDEEMS AND CROWNS:—Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with loving kindness and tender mercies.—Psalm 103: 1, 4.

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