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**THE GREATNESS OF EDWARD.**  
The qualities that tend to make King Edward the greatest monarch of Europe at present are not so easily

discerned as to be apparent to every one at first glance.

As Prince of Wales he had been represented in the light of a profligate, the traditional reputation given to princes of great houses.

Entering upon the duties of king under the halo of his sainted mother's great name, he had to live down his former repute, and rise in public estimation.

This he did without ostentatious professions of goodness unbecoming to his real character. As soon as he could decently disclose the trend of his individuality he earnestly entered upon his great duties.

The South African war had run its length as one prolonged causeless tragedy under the infirm rulership of his aged mother, who was overpersuaded by an ambitious but incompetent ministry. It was soon brought to a respectable close.

The most liberal terms of peace with a conquered people were concluded to the gratification of the whole world. The late enemies of the British empire were converted into at least quiescent citizenship, and the English army was mostly disbanded.

The King next steered through the troubled waters of the coronation. The adulations of the nation and of the world seems not to have turned his head from the pursuit of practical statesmanship.

The reign of Edward now signally distinguished itself with the first honest and restful attention of the Irish land troubles. While the King's hand does not appear his spirit dictated that policy.

The good-will and honest-hearted good-fellowship of the man shines through it all like a glorious sun behind a range of lofty mountains. It is easy to see that same humane conciliation was control of the program towards the Transvaalers and the Hibernians.

Through all the preliminary steps taken for the great and lasting peace in South Africa and the permanent tranquillizing of the Irish peasantry, the hand and the might of the King was unrevealed. But no man can deny that the master spirit of Edward is most potent for good in the affairs of the Old World.

### MODERATION, CONCILIATION, ARBITRATION.

These three words mean much to the labor organizations of Oregon.

They mean most to the entire industrial development of this commonwealth.

The high-pressure methods of San Francisco and other great labor centers will work harm in Oregon in the long run.

The labor conditions of cities like Portland and Salem are not so highly specialized as in cities like San Francisco and Seattle.

The people of our slower cities have not been educated to the standards of justice to the wage-earners that prevail in larger places.

Therefore, the process of education must precede improved conditions.

While children are going to school they cannot make a great deal of money.

Hence moderation and toleration must go hand in hand, and be the advance guard of progress.

Better labor conditions in the Capital City prevail because the Unions have been moderate and considerate of the rights of others. The progress and development of the community depends on right relations.

Moderation, conciliation, arbitration are better than dictation.

The next picture of Teddy ought to bring out the combination of silk hat, eye glasses and blankets in good shape.

# PARRY ON ORGANIZED LABOR

## His Wholesale Denunciation Wrong

## The Unions Must Avoid Certain Errors

The address recently delivered by Mr. Parry, president of the Manufacturers' Association, in which he denounced the methods of organized labor, has been generally condemned as too sweeping and intemperate. No doubt some of the instances of an arbitrary use of power to which he alluded were exasperating enough to deserve rebuke; the toasters' union of Chicago, which came in for special mention, and which has figured largely in the labor troubles of Chicago of late, seems to have assumed in some instances an authority which does not properly belong to any organization.

Mr. Parry's mistake was in his wholesale denunciation of organized labor, and particularly in his sneer at all efforts toward conciliation and arbitration. The organization of labor is as permanent a fact in modern industry as the organization of capital, and it would be as sensible to break out in wholesale denunciation of corporations as of unions. Criticism of organized labor should be directed at specific faults and errors with a view to their correction by the unions themselves. There should be an appeal on such points to the common sense and good judgment of the wage-earners, who are at least interested in the success of their employers and the prosperity of the country.

The wage-earners of the country have too much sense not to know that they must not kill the goose that is laying the golden eggs, and that their organizations must be conducted upon lines that do not conflict with the inalienable rights of individuals.

Thus the regulation of apprentice labor clearly must not be carried to such lengths as to amount to a deprivation of the right to learn a trade. A narrow policy of this sort, prompted by a selfish desire to restrict the number of wage-earners in a given trade, ought not to be supported by allied trades. If the door of one vocation may be closed, the door of all may be closed, and that amounts to a denial of the right to earn a livelihood. No body of men is competent to close the door of any trade or calling against others who desire to enter it.

The sympathetic strike and boycott has involved organized labor in more unfavorable criticism than any other exercise of power, and is a weapon to be used only with the greatest caution. It means the extension of a quarrel to include outside parties, and perhaps parties having no responsibility in the original dispute and no power to settle it. Industrial society should not be subject to disturbances of this kind. There can be no peace or security when any man is liable to be called from work or have his business interrupted by being forced into a dispute to which he is not a party and which he has no power to terminate.

Finally, the source of most of the errors of organized labor in the past has been in the mistaken idea that there is not quite work enough to go around and that the wage earner is best served by making the amount of work go as far as possible. The more thoughtful members know better than this, but the belief is persistent and often finds expression. In truth, all the substantial progress that comes to the wage-earner and to the million workers of society comes by the increasing effectiveness of labor, due to higher intelligence, more efficient organization and greater use of capital and machinery. The efforts of organized labor should constantly be to reach a higher standard of productivity. If they strive along this line they are in harmony with the progress and natural order of society and all mankind are the beneficiaries.

## He Missed His Subject

The average American is willing and anxious to listen to any new ideas, political or otherwise, that may be advanced. Let almost anyone hire a hall and give notice that he has a message to deliver, and there will be numbers to hear him. The people want information, and this is why Mr. Wilkins the California orator who spoke Wednesday night in the subject of Socialism, had a good audience. His speech, however was a disappointment in that it did not go

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into the merits of the doctrine, and those who were seeking enlightenment, were as much in the dark when they came away, as when they first entered the hall. This idea is evidently shared by others for a correspondent, one who attended his lecture says:

"Bro. Wilkins must have had some misunderstanding with his subject, (Socialism) on last Wednesday night, as he discoursed on every other topic except Socialism and the signs of the Zodiac. He may have repeated the multiplication table after I left. He merely mentioned his subject from time to time, but totally failed to show what he understands by the term, or wherein a socialist form of government would be better than the one we have. He failed to show us how he is going to harmonize the various conflicting mental attributes of men, and amend their God-given mental and moral qualities of mind, which he must do before any form of socialistic government can prove a success, for endowed as we now are, with an individuality, personal interests, and divergency of views on pretty much every subject, socialistic governments would be made up of the same human nature as our present form of government, and the same social eruptions would inevitably occur. The Creator formulated and gave each of us our mental and moral constitutions just as they are, and it is hoped Bro. Wilkins will pardon a degree of skepticism as to his ability to make any improvement in the business.

He hastened to bring the Republican party into disrepute, by declaring that he had once been a member of it. There are some who think that party already has enough to answer for. He fairly idolized the "wage earner" and declared him to be the only creator and producer of wealth, and that others were "parasites," but still cheerfully lives off the earnings of the "wage earners" and seems quite content to occupy his present parasitic perch. He declared the "wage earner" to be the most abject slave on earth—the old days of negro slavery was, in comparison, "altogether lovely" and proved his statement by saying that when a "wage earner" went to a farmer for employment, the said farmer fixed the price, and daily number of hours of labor and the said laborer couldn't help himself, if it is true he didn't have to work for the grasping farmer, and if he did not approve of the way things were running he could quit, but it was slavery nevertheless because the wicked farmer let him go when he got through with him, and didn't care what became of him, thereby destroying the laborer's manly independence and making him a slave. Well, what about the walking delegate? When he comes along, (parasite that he is) and tells the whole membership to quit forthwith, do they ask him why, or argue the question? Don't they just fall over themselves to obey the autocratic commands of this non-producer? In this, Bro. Wilkins could see nothing but the highest exercise of a perfectly free moral agency. There is one thing, however, which the speaker demonstrated beyond cavil, and that is, that a "wage earner" must continue to be a "wage earner" for all time, for, if he, by sobriety, industry and economy accumulates enough capital to go into business for himself and employ his fellow men, he thereby aligns himself with the capitalist class and ought, therefore to be entirely damned."

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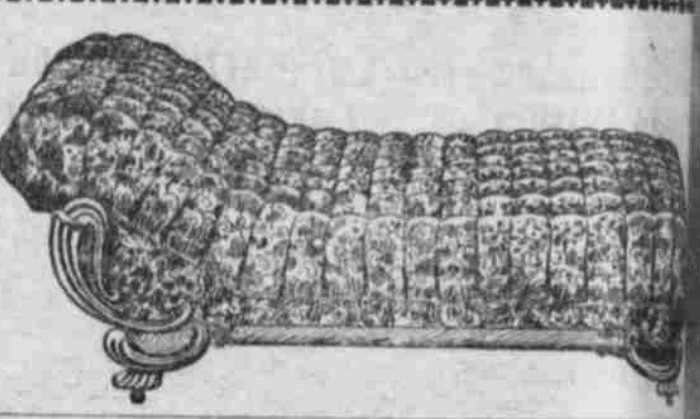
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