

FREEDOM FROM BOSS RULE

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All those who are observant have noticed in the U.S. the trend towards the restoration of people's rule. In a hundred different ways the deep seated evil due to the existing rule of the few are being exposed, and steadily the people's rule system of government is being installed. Oklahoma is a shining example. It was preceded by Oregon, South Dakota and Montana. Constitutional amendments for the Initiative and Referendum have been submitted, also, in Maine, Missouri and North Dakota, with a pledged legislature in Ohio. Nationally 110 of the 386 members of the National House are pledged, with four more pledged members in Oklahoma; and a vigorously conducted non-partisan campaign for the questioning of candidates is at hand.

What are we to expect from the People's rule, when established?

It will be a change in the foundations of society. The supreme earthly power will have shifted from the few to the many. The result will be that legislation and administration will be for the welfare of the majority—the masses, instead of the few. Inevitably it will shut off monopoly privileges except patents and copyrights, recast the system of raising public revenues, shift from the individual wage earners to the general public the losses caused by accidents to workmen, shut off child labor and bring about compulsory education, improve the public school system, shut off the inflow of undesirable immigrants in order to protect and raise the standard of citizenship and raise wages, restore jury trial wherever it has been lost and in other ways reform the procedure of our courts, rapidly enlarge the field of arbitration and tremendously increase the functions of our municipal and other public corporations. At the same time the avenues for voluntary co-operation will be re-opened, so that perfect freedom may again be exercised.

Self-interests will steadily operate in these directions, just as surely as gravity exerts a continual pull. Illustrations of what is actually being accomplished where the people's rule is being installed are the improved conditions in Oklahoma, Oregon, Montana, South Dakota and Switzerland. A greatly enlarged program is under way. Complete success is aimed at in the coming state and national campaigns, except in some of the southern states. The questioning of candidates who are to come before the primaries and conventions, followed by the questioning of the nominees is expected to lay the ground work, and the independent voters will do the rest. Organized labor is actively helping to build up the non-partisan system.

It is said that a Missouri editor met a well-educated farmer and told him he would like to have something from his pen. The farmer sent him a pig and charged him \$8.75 for it.

JAPANESE IMMIGRATION

Ottawa, Nov. 6.—The federal government has received no advices as yet concerning the press dispatches from Honolulu stating that United States Senator Chillingworth and others are arranging to send to British Columbia in the near future, seven shiploads of Japanese, aggregating three thousand.

If the dispatches are correct, and an attempt is made to land these Japanese at Vancouver, it is not improbable that they will be turned back, in view of the fact that they will not have passports from the Japanese government. The immigration law of Japan provides that passports obtained under false pretences as to destination are illegal, and if, as is expected, Japanese coming to Canada from Honolulu are brought there first with the intention of sending them to Canada, the Japanese consul will be asked to inform the Mikado's government and to co-operate with the Canadian government in putting a stop to this method of circumventing the Japanese understanding with this country, relative to the restriction of immigration to the Dominion.

Regina Typographical Union No. 657

The regular monthly meeting of the Regina Typographical Union No. 657 was held in the Trades Hall, Scarth street, on Saturday evening last, President Norris, in the chair. A goodly number of members answered the roll call, and it is pleasant to be able to record that the pioneer union of the city is still a real live body. The secretary reported that six members had taken out travelling cards during the month, and that five had been deposited. An application for membership was also dealt with. The usual bunch of correspondence was put before the meeting and was satisfactorily disposed of. The question of the ten cent assessment asked for by the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada for the purpose of sending a man to Great Britain to stop misrepresentation is discussed and the secretary was instructed to collect and forward the necessary amount. Under the head of Good and Welfare, Bro. Quick put forward the hard case of a printer en route from Toronto to the Union Printers' Home at Colorado Springs. This man, probably suffering more or less from some disease, had obtained permission to enter the home, towards the support of which he had been contributing for years, and was on his way there when he was stopped at the line by an immigration official. He was refused permission to continue his journey and had to return to Toronto, and the chances are ten to one against his recovery in the damp climate of the Queen city. The secretary was instructed to obtain further information re this affair. The meeting then adjourned.

Modesty is a virtue, but a man seldom gets his salary raised on the strength of it.

Anyone can sympathize with people in trouble, but to take joy in their success requires some one bigger than I.—Elbert Hubbard.

INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS

Of the industrial accidents during the month of September, railway employees head the list with 19 killed, of these six were brakemen. The report in the Labour Gazette as furnished by its correspondents is summarized as follows:

Industrial accidents occurring to 340 individual workpeople in Canada during the month of September, 1907 were reported to the Department of Labour. Of these 96 were fatal, and 244 resulted in serious injuries. In addition five fatal accidents were reported as having taken place prior to the beginning of the month, information not having been received by the Department before September 1907. The number of fatal accidents reported in September 1907, was 70 less than the previous month and 6 more than in September 1906.

Of 206 returns received during the month giving the ages of victims of industrial accidents, 24 referred to persons under 21 years of age, 66 to persons between 21 and 45; 4 to persons over 45; 102 to persons over 21 years of age, whose exact ages were not specified.

The only disaster of the month involving the loss of more than one life was the drowning, on September 19th, of a mine manager, a prospector and three miners, forty miles below Hazelton on the Skeena river, B.C., by the capsizing of their canoe.

D. J. Shackleton, British M.P., who represents the British Textile Workers, was elected last year to represent the British Trades Congress at the A.F. of L. convention at Minneapolis, but owing to his being the father of a certain bill to be introduced in the Commons, he could not come to America, and Ald. Allan Gee of Huddersfield, was sent in Mr. Shackleton's stead. This year the congress met at Bath, England, and again elected Mr. Shackleton as fraternal delegate, and along with other Britishers John Hodge will be in attendance at the A.F. of L. convention, at Norfolk, Va., on Nov. 11.

At a recent convention of the International Association of Machinists held at St. Louis, Mo., a law was passed that each of the association's members throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico, will be required to contribute one day's pay towards the establishing of a reserve fund. It is figured that this fund, together with the regular per capita tax, will give the organization one million dollars by the end of 1910. Other international unions, it is said will follow suit. This financial move is the result of the announcement at the last convention of the National Manufacturers' association in New York by President James Van Cleave that the association raise \$1,500,000 to enable that body to educate its members how to deal with the labor organizations, from which the labor unions have taken a cue that an onslaught is to be made on them in the near future.

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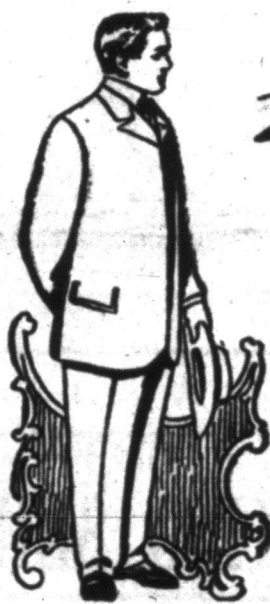
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