

The Farm Page

CAN'T MAKE WORLD SAFE FOR DEMOCRACY WHILE EMPLOYERS DICTATE

"You cannot 'make the world safe for democracy' while the employer dictates the hours, conditions and remuneration of labor," said E. W. Perrin, a business man of Little Rock, Ark., in notifying a group of anti-trade union business men that he would take no part in their so-called "open" shop movement.

"The employer," said Mr. Perrin, "holds an economic whip—the job—

which carries with it the right to eat. The worker's only weapon is collective bargaining. Take this from him and you reduce him to an economic serf.

"Political democracy is a mere platitide for politicians to juggle with. Industrial democracy is indispensable to human progress.

"Of course, members of organized labor may commit excesses, become overbearing and arrogant. Many employers have set them the example of 'nothing to arbitrate.' But the abuse of a principle is not a logical argument against its legitimate use."

PORTLAND CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL'S BIG ORGANIZING PROJECT

The central labor council at Portland, Ore., has asked affiliates to vote on a proposal to raise the per capita tax to 30 cents a member per month for the purpose of financing an organizing campaign in this city. The council has appointed a committee of 25 to visit the unions and explain the extent of the proposed campaign, which is declared to be the most gigantic that was ever attempted in this country.

The plan is to place a large number of organizers in the field. These will work under a general committee. Publicity will be used to a greater extent than ever before and every unorganized wage earner in the city will be reached.

DATE CHANGED FOR COMPULSORY CATTLE DIPPING

On Account of Late Spring Cattle Will Not Be In Condition To Go Through Dip Early.

The date for the compulsory dipping of cattle in the range areas has been changed from June 8 to June 23, the second dipping to be ten days after, as per previous arrangement. This change has been made owing to the fact that with the late spring and the very severe winter, the cattle will not be in condition, it is thought, to go through the dip with safety so early as the first week in June. The decision for the change of dates was made at a meeting of the Cattleman's Protective Association of Western Canada, held in Calgary last week.

In connection with the support of the association it was decided that each member would contribute pro-rata according to the number of cattle owned by him. The details of the number of cattle owned by the member will be determined by a committee appointed by the president for that purpose and submitted to the members at the next meeting.

ST. LOUIS TEACHERS VOTE TO AFFILIATE WITH LABOR UNIONS

Charles F. Ammerman, chairman of the high school teachers' committee, following a meeting of teachers in St. Louis a few days ago, declared that fully 90 per cent. of them had voted to affiliate with the labor unions and had applied for membership. Notice to this effect, together with a renewal of their demands for a wage increase of 33 1-3 per cent., immediately was sent to Superintendent Withers.

"We intend to get all that is coming to us, and we feel that with the support of organized labor we will be enabled to accomplish this more readily," Ammerman said.

PURE BRED BULL SALE BECOMING POPULAR IN ALTA.

Annual Event of Three Big Sales Held Every Spring at Calgary, Edmonton and Lacombe.

Nearly three hundred bulls were entered for the pure-bred bull sale held in Edmonton this week, which is a considerable advance over the number entered in previous years. The cattle breeders' associations of the province have established as an annual event three big sales of pure bred bulls in the province every spring. These take place at Calgary, Edmonton and Lacombe.

While these sales are more or less of a new feature in connection with the Spring Live Stock Show, the manner in which they have been supported shows that they are needed and that the people appreciate the manner in which the committees in charge have tried to protect buyers and sellers alike.

This year the restricting regulations were drawn more closely than ever. Each breed association was asked to appoint its own committee for culling the entries before they were put into the sale ring. As each breed is naturally more jealous of its own reputation than anyone else can be, this method was chosen as the one to safeguard the buyers to the greatest extent.

While there has been some agitation to prevent the offering at the Edmonton sales of calves under one year, this reform is still to be accomplished, however, there has been a reform at the other end of the age scale that should prove of value. This year for the first time all bulls over five years of age were banned. Better and ever better live stock is the motto of the province and of the farmer and this means the elimination of the scrub bull, both pure-bred and grade.

The Horse Sale was held on Thursday, there being better entries than ever before. Clydesdales and Percherons with a few Belgians were contributed, also a Suffolk Punch was contributed by Fred Dale and a Morgan by Dr. F. W. Orang.

The Edmonton Sale, both of cattle and horses has won the reputation of satisfying both buyer and seller and for that reason cattle from as far north as the Grande Prairie country were offered for sale here, and buyers from the three western provinces came to fill their requirements.

The Department of Agriculture has found this a good place at which to market the surplus stock from its demonstration farms and stock men from all parts of the country eagerly watch the results of the Edmonton sale as a standard by which to gauge normal prices. In the future the spring sale at Edmonton will become more and more a medium of exchange for dairy bulls than it is at present. Now the men who are breeding dairy cattle find their best market at the coast, but the dairy business is developing rapidly in Alberta, and as the demand asks for dairy types of bulls it will behoove the dairy cattle breeders themselves to help create that demand.

UNITED STATES FARM ORGANIZATIONS HAVE PREPARED QUESTIONNAIRE

The U.S. national board of farm organizations has prepared a questionnaire to be submitted to presidential candidates.

The questions include elimination of the middleman, protection of the farmer in his right to organize, appointment of a secretary of agriculture acceptable to farmers, appointment of farmers on all boards and commissions dealing with agriculture, right to buy collectively, reduction of the farm tenancy evil, improvement of farm credit facilities, national conservation, maintenance of free speech, free press and free assemblage.

SPECULATORS IN CONTROL OF 1919 U.S. WHEAT CROP

U.S. Grand Jury Calls on Dept. of Justice to Check the Profiteering.

A report by a United States grand jury in Spokane, Wash., charges that speculators are in control of the great bulk of the 1919 wheat crop and that some officers of the United States grain corporation, which was organized to protect the people, are among the speculators.

It is stated that when the government appropriated \$1,000,000,000 to buy the 1919 wheat crop, wheat receipts became as good as government bonds. Banks loaned money in any quantity to purchase wheat, as this money, when paid to the farmers, was immediately re-deposited in the banks.

The minimum price for northwest wheat was fixed at \$2.20 for soft wheat and \$2.22 for hard wheat. Freight and other charges lowered this price, and the farmer received on an average around \$2.07 a bushel.

The majority of the mills in the northwest are owned by half a dozen concerns and these have grain companies which are officered and operated by the men who own the milling concerns.

It is estimated that 85 per cent. of the Washington wheat crop of 42,000,000 bushels went into the hands of these half dozen grain corporations and was purchased prior to October 15 last before any material advance in price. With their control of the wheat of Washington and Oregon, the grain companies have advanced the price by sales to each other through manipulations of the grain market.

This wheat cost \$2.07 a bushel, but the grain companies are selling it to their own mills at from \$3 to \$3.50 a bushel, and these mills "are asserting the right to manufacture flour on the basis of the price paid for the wheat—a price which is the result of their own manipulations."

The mills not only increased the price of flour, but also of the by-products. Bran and shorts have been raised from \$28.75 a ton to \$43 a ton, and these

convention. Another suggestion is that the districts consolidate the resolutions where there are several on one subject and thus save the time of the annual convention.

LACK OF CONFIDENCE IN CONSTITUTED GOVERNMENTS AS CAUSE OF UNREST

E. J. Thompson, Writing in Machinists' Monthly Journal Comments On One of the Points Contained in Mathers Commission Report.

E. J. Thompson, writing in the Machinists' Monthly Journal, has the following comment to make on one of the points contained in the report of the Mathers commission, which was recently appointed by the government to tour Canada for the purpose of securing evidence as to the cause of the industrial unrest.

"Lack of confidence in constituted governments" is the point dealt with by Mr. Thompson, who goes on to say: "If the majority of workers had faith in the governments that they themselves help to elect, then a more restful feeling would prevail. For they would feel that efforts were being made to improve conditions by a body in which they had faith. History proves that evolution is the most desirable method of making a change. 'Now, referring, for the time being, to our organization. If we desire a change, it would be wise to first study the situation. Before taking any drastic action, we should be sure that it is not too revolutionary. What may seem like evolution to one community might seem like revolution to another. For any body or people to advance it is necessary that the whole move together. The head cannot move without the body. Any attempt to advance by introducing a split in that body, will result in another body being formed which before long will have the same defects as the one left. Furthermore, we would have two bodies instead of one which in itself is a decided drawback."

"Our own organization has within its ranks members who are dissatisfied with the way it makes, and also with its methods. There are few of us who are completely satisfied. These members shout loudly about the Grand Lodge of officers and show plainly their lack of confidence in that body. The Grand Lodge officers would surely be a heavy body if they could not stand improvement, but surely it is a poor way to advance the membership by suggesting a disruption. I would rather place my welfare in the hands of the people I know, be they crooks or otherwise, than in the hands of self-labelled em-

ancipators that I do not know. Also any hold I might have over these new leaders, I already have over the old ones. Any lack of confidence I may have can be remedied when the membership desires through the proper methods.

"It seems, therefore, that to produce results for the membership it is advisable to stay within the organization and work, rather than get outside and shout. If the energy used in grumbling and criticizing were to be used in arousing an indifferent membership to their capabilities and responsibilities we would obtain profitable results.

"A swifter pace to our ideals would be pleasing to us all. But when such a number of our members are inactive it behooves us to travel slowly. Possibly the best thing that could happen to us would be to have a general reduction in wages. The whole membership might then show some interest in their organization.

"It will be impossible to show speed in the movements until the local lodges, or, in other words, the rank and file, are willing to do some constructive work. When the body of the organization is active and working intelligently, then the head executive will have to be satisfactory, or be moved. The majority of people today are waiting for their leaders to do their thinking for them. If this same majority will do their own thinking and put their interest in this great movement, the need for lack of confidence in the government either of the organization or our executive heads is because the man perhaps the day may dawn when we are not interested in who gets there."

"The reason for labor unrest in the rank and file are indolent and indifferent in their labor and political affairs. And the reason we lack confidence is of the country. So while lack of confidence is a real reason for unrest, it shall have confidence in our governments."

Let us use all our efforts to stimulate thoughts into action, there will be no

excessive costs threaten the dairy industry with destruction.

The grand jury calls on the United States department of justice to act. It is stated that if an attempt is made in this district to lower prices, the mill owners will move their commodity elsewhere. It is also recommended that a proclamation be issued fixing a selling price for wheat now held in this country at the price paid the farmers, plus a reasonable carrying charge. Congress is urged not to finance the sale of wheat to foreign countries until the American people are relieved from the extortionate prices that have been set by the speculators.

The largest railroad organization in America is the Railway Brotherhood of America, with over 175,000 members.

SIR ALFRED BOOTH NOT WILLING TO LIVE LIFE OF A DOCKER

Sir Alfred Booth, chairman of the Cunard steamship line, was asked as awkward question while testifying at a wage hearing called to consider demands of longshore workers. The witness had it all figured out what was necessary to maintain a dockers' family in decency and comfort, and then he was asked if he would be willing to accept this standard. He admitted that he would not.

The vigorous manner in which the dockers have presented demands for a few of the good things of life has startled some people, who heretofore believed that food and clothing were the only things in a dockers' life. These workers are also demanding protection against unemployment.

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U.F.A. DIRECTORS MAKE PROVISION POLITICAL ACTION

Convention Will Be Called Upon Request of 20% of Locals of Any Constituency

Because some locals of the U.F.A. in the provincial constituencies desire to take political action, a resolution carried by the board of directors of the provincial organization states that a convention will be called in any provincial constituency upon twenty per cent of the locals submitting a request to this effect.

Secretary H. H. Higginbotham of the U.F.A., has issued a circular dealing with the question of the congestion of business at the annual conventions, and setting forth a new method of eliminating it.

It is proposed that the district associations hold their annual conventions shortly before the general convention and deal with all resolutions from the various locals of the district, forwarding to the general convention only such as are considered to be of sufficient importance. It is pointed out that of the 248 resolutions forwarded for consideration at the recent convention in Calgary, little more than one-half could be dealt with although the convention was in session for four days and four nights. This it is stated, shows clearly that the present practice of attempting to consider all resolutions forwarded by locals is unworkable.

Mr. Higginbotham in his circular letter states that the directors request careful consideration of this matter, with a view to action being taken, if the locals so desire, at the next district

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