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THE MONEY QUESTION

Dear Editor:
I am writing on this argument, acknowledging its importance but at the present stage, other immediate questions are of more importance.

The idea of doing without money value is far too radical to put into force at the present day. Any custom not easily replaced without calamity, I agree with method outlined by Mr. Owens, but acknowledge more important principles must first be adopted. On this principle my arguments are based.

The prosperity of this country depends on two things, production and foreign trade. Canada's small population demands this. Money being the recognized credit of the world, the refusal of its adoption by Canada, until stronger countries have adopted it, would ruin us. Take the United States and Canada. What recognized substitute could be used. Commodity trading would be useless, worse than money. Most people know the valuation of an article by money value charged, say a farmer sent a sack of wheat to a shoemaker in return for shoes, what does a shoemaker know about wheat, and the farmer about shoes; he could send compressed paper shoes for all he would know. Now we come to valuation. Commodities should be under government supervision, the people would then know their true value, that represented by money is the simplest method of knowing value received.

In recognizing money, I don't uphold gold, for the money standard base, could be on products produced, natural products in sight, increased proportionately as products increased, but conservatively to allow for loss. Under this system a town could only be credited by the recognized valuation of that town as a producing centre, not by inflations, thus checking extravagant expenditures. Financiers would know such money was backed by definite securities, at present no substitute can remedy money as a credit base. What I maintain is, the present monopoly of money, not controlled by government, but by private banking institutions, is what needs remedying, such methods, leaves individuals the power to call in money, bankrupt finance, produce hard times, at their leisure.

How is this done, you lend them your money at low interest, they accumulate and lend it out at high interest,

N.Y. FARMERS WILL FIGHT FOR OWN PROTECTION

New York.—Indications that the farmers of New York state are preparing to fight for the protection of their group in the coming campaign is seen in the response to a letter sent throughout the state by John J. Dillon, commissioner of foods and markets. The letter suggested that the farmers put up a candidate pledged to support their interests. In response it was stated that the farmers are preparing a questionnaire to be presented to all candidates for the governorship, and that a more militant group is advocating the nomination of an out-and-out farmers' candidate.

DETROIT PAINTERS NOW FORMING DIST. COUNCIL

Detroit.—Union painters of this city are now engaged in forming a district council in order to make unionism more effective. These locals are already affiliated with the building trades, but desire to have a council of their own to thrash out trade matters.

est, paying them 10 and 12 per cent dividends, this accumulation gives them power to call in, tighten up, and produce hard times. Now if this money was controlled by responsible government, loaned on definite securities, we could not be at capital's call; then control excess profits, individual amounts beyond a certain amount, limit profits on production, confiscate and sell to foreign governments all useless varieties, foreign credits would then be unnecessary, bankrupt rates avoided. So first get a government, control this money system, work out a decent living wage for all, and gradually work in any better substitute, but for the present, study more immediate problems as:

- Approach of hard times, cause and cure.
- Social injustice and unrest.
- Closing and laying workers off at factories.
- Unrest amongst returned men.
- Public debt, its cause and cure.
- Labor leaders convicted by law, exonerated practically by votes.
- Housing, real estate, and industrial problems.
- Organization and combining of labor elements.

The cause of city's depression, empty houses, city's ownership of non-productive real estate when it should be booming.

Many such questions are the first needs of labor.

Respectfully,
J. GARDNER.

The Locals' Page

C.N.R. MACHINISTS

Lodge 817, I.A. of M. meets every 2nd and 4th Friday evening of the month. Take note of this and don't tell anyone. Do your best to keep it secret, and be sure to be on time.

Our pay is not so very fair, I see; So I am feeling rather sad, you see.

Do you intend to have a delegate attend the I.A. of M. convention this year, to be held in Rochester, N.Y.? Rather week-kneed and showing yellow we must look if after having run a mighty fine bluff a year ago, trying things up, and now that the chance to perform has presented itself, Western Canada, where all the noise was made, and mostly by machinists at that, is to be unrepresented. How many times has it been heard that "there is no use going to convention, the machine control is too strong," and all such business as that. The whole trouble is, and if you are honest with yourself you will admit it as truth, that you like to see the lodge fund pile up; you say the expenses to convention are too great, and such-and-such a lodge is sending a delegate; we'd never get a hearing; we'd be out-voted; what good can we do, we're not strong enough, etc., without end. Yet you'll read Mutt and Jeff's stuff of the vintage of Adam, smile a while, and keep on supporting the gangs you know are parasites in the scheme of things, then when it's "blue" weather you cuss the bosses and interject, knock the organization you helped to build, revile the officers at the head whom you put there, and if you've got Sammy's way of thinking you'd procure some squirrel juice and go nutty. Not a resolution from this lodge, not a suggestion for betterment, not a constitutional change of any kind would have support in convention, because it comes from you. Lord Harry, if that's the way you think, the system has surely been a howling success in this quarter, and capitalism is indeed triumphant in cowering you to the state it desires to keep you and you are servile at last, as was the captured slave of Roman days long ago. Where is your self-respect? Your brain is just as fertile as the officers' at the head of affairs, but they have exercised theirs, you exercised your back and your senses. Your greatest pastime is to see "George do it" and your pleasantest moment is when you can get off the bitterest sentence on that same "George" for doing your think-

ing for you. You think you cannot climb the obstacles in front of you; you cannot get things done. You say a machine controls; you cannot get resolutions adopted. In that frame of mind you are tying yourself with an unbreakable rope to an immovable post at the bottom of a hill and you say you try to climb the hill! There is one resolution you want to adopt personally; and that is to break with the past. It is the most important resolution you can make. Of what use is history—the past? It is intractable absolutely, and you cannot do anything with it, but you can, and you must, if you want to get anywhere, recognize that the past, the rope and the post is to be done away with. Anyway, the past is an enemy to cheerfulness, and you can do a lot better thinking when you're cheerful. Is it logic that you need not bother with the organization because you are paying officers to bother about it? Is it reason, that you need not do so-and-so because you never done so-and-so before? Is that what a baby thinks? Forget that you never do this or that. Anything you ever did do was just an experiment and if you will appreciate this fact you will be in a position to go on up the hill, over the obstacles, obtain the kind of organization you want, and then—? Well, now, get your delegate ready!

Where are the bylaws? It's a good thing, on that count alone, that the idea of amalgamation was considered.

We are enjoined by the editor of the Free Press, we delegates to T. & L. council, to criticize the books we read, provided they are new thought, I presume, and advanced ideas, or the "six best sellers." Confound that punk idea. If I read Jack London, no one is going to spoil my beautiful picture of his characters as I have translated them by comparing them perhaps with a Dickens character. To do that it requires a mind that I would mistrust, because of its capacity for imagination, in the T. & L. council.

At a meeting of the Manitoba provincial executive of the Dominion Labor party held in Winnipeg, on Saturday, it was decided to contest the deferred election of The Pas against Edward Brown, provincial treasurer. The constituency will choose its own candidate, but workers and speakers will be sent in to carry on the campaign.

CIVIC SERVICE UNION No. 52

Another Recruitment for the Mighty Army of Benedictets

On Wednesday evening last at Knox Presbyterian church manse, a very pretty ceremony was performed, when Miss Gertrude, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Lynn of 5917 87th avenue, was united in marriage to Bro. Alex Urquhart, the good looking and popular chief clerk in the city treasurer's office. The Rev. E. E. McGougan performed the "operation" in the presence of Miss E. Lynn as bridesmaid, and Mr. Harry Robertson as best man. The bride looked charming in a navy blue tailored suit, and had a bouquet of blush roses, while the bridegroom looked extremely well in a navy blue suit and was covered with "rose blushes." After the "operation" the happy couple left the manse for the home of the bride, for a few hours "quiet" rest before beginning a long train journey to Portland, Ore., and other coast points. At the gate of the home, they were met by a tin can band, furnished by Mr. F. Barnhouse, who gave them a rousing reception. After the din died down, the members of the treasurer's staff present, each selected an article of aluminum cooking ware, and marched into the house, presenting the bridegroom with same until he was pretty well "loaded," and was called on for a speech, which he gave after some prompting. A buffet supper was served, Mrs. Spicer pouring tea, and Mrs. Rice cutting the ices. These ladies were very ably assisted by Miss Rae, Mrs. O. Lynn and Nurse Longmore, captained by Sister I. Lynn in a very capable manner. After the "cats" were over, Bro. A. A. Campbell proposed the health of the bride and all stood and raised their glasses to the toast. After which some music was provided by Sister "Tiny" and singing was led by Bro. Campbell. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. D. Rice, Mr. and Mrs. Spicer, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Lynn, Mr. and Mrs. O. Lynn, Mr. and Mrs. Reid, Mrs. Alexander, the Misses McGregor, Knowles, Rae, and Mrs. McRae, Messrs. Barnhouse, Campbell, Bawden, Cardy, Smith, Lucas, Robertson and Neal. At 11:45 p.m. the newly married entered a waiting automobile and were driven to the C.P.R. depot, south side, to the accompaniment of the tin cans and a cow bell tied to their car, and shrieks and groans from the horns of the other cars. A good send off was given and cheers rent the air as the train steamed away with the good wishes of everyone present.

To keep the band in practice, here's hoping that we will have a repetition in the near future.

Don't forget the Civic Picnic, August 21st. Everyone is welcome and we are going to have an extra good time. There is to be a lot of fun, and sister members are asked to provide themselves with bathing suits (and the Bro. members with cameras). Lots of sport and lots of fun. Come to the beach on August 21st.

SATURDAY BARGAINS

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"Its tone appears honest and rings clear. There has been no attempt at avoiding the unpleasant issues which at times confronted the convention. The people of the nation admire them for the position taken by them. The people can now choose between a party who faces all issues manfully and squarely, who discards all ambiguity, who stands four square, who lays their cards on the table face up, as the Democratic party has done, and the Republican party whose chief claim put forth for vote getting is a platform devoid of all sincerity, a plentitude and copious amount of criticism, a clothing of the language of our nation with ambiguous phrases leaving the impression that they were hiding something that they had a weak case, that they resorted to pettifogging in order to cover up their real motives or intentions.

"The people are suspicious of hidden motives. They admire and respect clearness and openness in an adversary. They like the light and will shun the darkness in politics; a thing that is wrong, when brought into the light, can be righted; a thing that is right and which remains in the dark is of no benefit to anyone.

"Thus it is with the republican platform. They may have intended to do things for the nation and its people, but they appear to be afraid to tell us what they mean. They have covered up so many planks with phrases saying of subtlety and evasion that we cannot understand their reasons therefor.

"From the standpoint of the com-

NEW ZEALAND COAL MINERS GET INCREASE

Sydney, N.S.W.—Coal miners in New Zealand, after a prolonged fight, have secured increases in wages of 50 per cent on pre-war rates in the case of contract workers, and 60 per cent increase in the case of men paid daily rates of wages.

Extra payments are made for working in wet places, or where work is performed in two-shift collieries. Workers on night shifts are to get 12 cents per shift more than the men on the day shifts.

Tools and lights are to be provided to the workers by the management at cost price, as are also explosives. Extra rates of pay are to apply for work on Sundays and holidays, while a day is to be allowed off in event a miner being killed, also another day off to allow miners to attend his funeral.

The agreement that has been signed also provides for preference to unionists.

non people of this nation there is no comparison between the platforms. One, the Democratic platform, voices the sentiment of the people of the nation, while the other, the Republican platform voices the sentiments of the big interests of the nation, if it speaks for anything. We are in favor of the Democratic platform."

SHUN DETROIT IS SLOGAN OF TYPO UNION

Detroit.—"Shun Detroit," is the slogan adopted by the Michigan Federation of Typographical unions which ended a two days convention held here in Hotel Cadillac. The high cost of living together with the shortage of housing facilities moved the "typos" to this action.

A publicity campaign to acquaint the printing tradesmen with the situation existing in Detroit will be undertaken shortly. It is planned to reach all members of the International shortly.

The delegates also declared themselves for the 44-hour week and passed sharp criticism on the so-called "American" plan, a new name for the old "open shop."

The old officers were re-elected. The

NORRIS LOSES ANOTHER SEAT IN MANITOBA

The Norris government lost another seat in Manitoba when as a result of the recount of votes cast in Rockwood constituency, W. McKinnell, farmer, is declared elected by one vote over A. J. Lobb, government. On the official count, McKinnell's majority was four votes.

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